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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Australia Can Help

THE importance which the British Government attaches to Australia's action of making substantial cuts in imports can be measured by Mr. Churchill's decision to invite the Australian Prime Minister to London for "talks over a wide range of subjects." The range of the discussions undoubtedly will include matters of defence and the forthcoming atomic tests in Australia, but it can also be anticipated that Mr. Churchill will be pre-occupied principally with the effects which Australia's austerity measures for correcting its adverse trade balance have already had on Britain's exporting industries, and whether something can be done to make the impact less drastic.

Australia, undoubtedly, is faced with a grave problem of preserving her solvency. Her current trading account deficit and loss of reserves in the region of £600 million sterling, and it has been estimated by the Australian High Commissioner in London that the fiscal year now ending will show an overall deficit of £700 million sterling.

THE step which Australia has taken to put her economy on a sound footing is unavailingly hurtful to Britain. Yet in the long run it is the only way in which she can survive as a healthy customer for Britain or anyone else. In fact, as it has been pointed out by one commentator, Australia is carrying her part of the plan agreed upon at the recent conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers; a plan aimed at restoring the power of the sterling area as a whole. It is a cure that hurts, and Britain somewhat naturally wonders whether Mr. Menzies has not been too drastic at this stage in applying his remedy. Britain's purchasing ability is dependent on the volume of her export trade; more important, unless she can at least maintain that trade, unemployment in the industrial areas becomes inevitable. One of the unhappiest effects of Australia's economy cuts has been on the Lancashire textile industry where the unemployment situation is fast becoming critical.

BY no means can all the blame for the depression in Lancashire be attributed to Australia's decision to restrict her imports: world conditions are a basic factor. The overseas demand for British textiles has been declining for some time past and the indications are this trend will continue. Nor can the industry hope fully to offset this effect by a more lively home market. Nevertheless an expansion of home trade together with a concession on the part of Australia to apply less sweeping restrictions on imports of British textiles could substantially help the industry to weather the current depression. (If Mr. Churchill can persuade Mr. Menzies to make a generous gesture in this direction, Lancashire will be given new confidence, and both statesmen will have earned the thanks of the people of Britain.)

Death Of Lord Hereford

Leamington, Apr. 16. Lord Hereford, premier Viscount of England, died at his Herefordshire home, Hampton Court, today aged 88.

Trieste: British Offer To Italy

CONTROL OF NON-POLITICAL DEPARTMENTS

London, Apr. 16. Definite British proposals for transferring whole departments of local government to Italian control were reliably reported to have been made when the conference of British, American and Italian officials resumed its full work here today of considering ways of associating Italy more closely with administration of the Trieste Western zone, also known as Zone A.

This zone has been under Anglo-American Military Government since the end of world war two.

A usually reliable source here said that both the British and United States delegations, after consulting their governments during the Easter recess, are believed now to be ready to offer Italians sole control of non-political departments of the local administration.

Consultations have also taken place between the British Foreign Office and the British Military Governor in Trieste, General Sir John Winterton. The General returned to the city from London last week.

A delegation representing Italian and Slovene political groups in Zone A, which are

acquiring establishment of an independent Trieste in conformity with the Italian peace treaty, today published their own proposals. They were:

1. Allied Military Government should transfer entire civil administrations of Zone A to the population through civil organs of authority. Allied Military Government should retain controlling functions only. Civil administration should comprise a Zone Council representing all political groups, which should in turn appoint an executive organ having the functions of a provisional government.

2. All political, economic and administrative institutions should be free from Italian influence.

3. All state and semi-official institutions with their seats in Rome should have complete independence.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

4. The Slovene language should be accepted as an official language.

5. Trieste citizenship should be established and the need for the Trieste population to travel on Italian passports should be abolished.

They told a press conference tonight they were "completely satisfied" with the results of their visit.

Dr. Mario Stocca, leader of the delegation representing "Blocco Trieste", said Italy's present aspirations towards Trieste could only mean a desire to carry out an ex-patriate policy which had already once "given sad results."

The so-called Trieste problem, he said, had really ceased to be a problem since it had been solved by the peace treaty. The trouble was that it had been aggravated by the British, American and French Declaration of 1948 favouring the return of the whole Free Territory to Italy.

Bruno Cerne, representing Fronte Dell'Indipendenza, said the Italian Government aimed at establishing complete domination over the economic life of Zone A.

INTERESTS OPPOSED

Bortolo Petronio, representing the Fronte Popolare Italo Salvo, said workers in Trieste would strongly resent increased Italian control in Zone A. Twenty-five years of Italian rule had shown that the economic interests of Trieste were opposed to those of Italy.

Branko Babic, also of the Fronte Popolare, said it was contrary to the will of the majority of the Trieste population to impose more Italian influence which was "encouraging aggressive and imperialistic tendencies of Italy towards other foreign territories and may also encourage development of neo-Fascism in Italy."

Answering questions, Dr. Stocca said that in the municipal elections of 1949 40 per cent of voters voted for the independence of the entire Free Territory, though the total vote had been weighted by an influx of unqualified Italian voters from Italy.

The talks will continue on Thursday, Reuters.

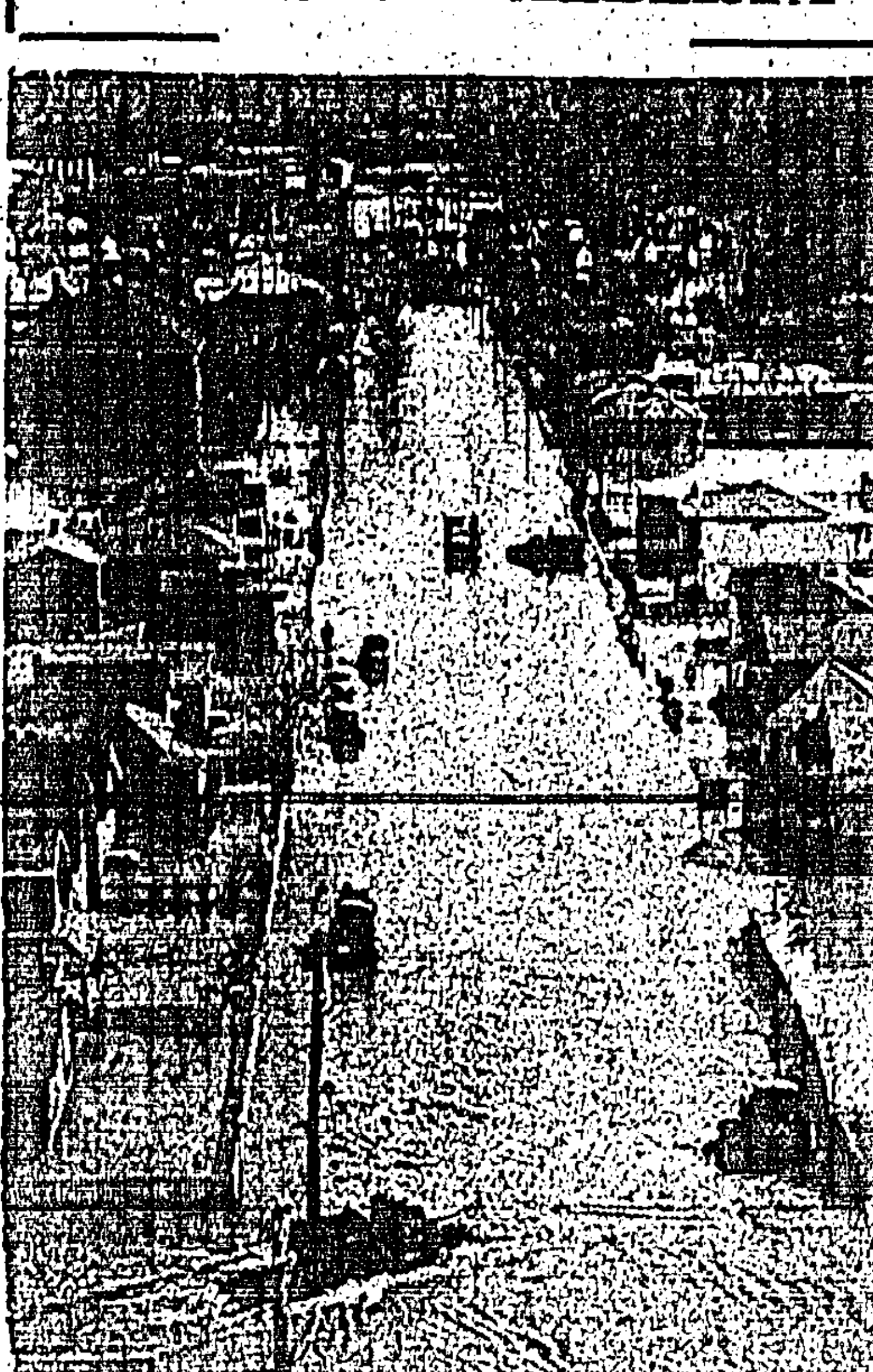
300 Bombs Explode

Salon, Apr. 16. Three hundred bombs exploded tonight in an underground depot at the Saigon air base. There were no casualties but the blast damaged houses in Saigon, seven miles from the base.

The French Air Command suspected sabotage by the Communist-led Vietminh. A preliminary investigation disclosed a saboteur may have placed a time bomb after joining a crowd of native workers.

The depot stored 200-pound bombs for planes on the French aircraft-carrier Arromanches—Associated Press.

FLOODS IN ALBERTA



The main street of Medicine Hat, Alberta, looks like a river after the Spring thaw had caused Elbow Bend Creek to overflow. Hundreds of families were forced to leave their homes. — London Express.

"Ike" Feels Proud But Thoughtful

EXPRESSES REACTION TO VOTING IN NJ PRIMARY ELECTION

Paris, Apr. 16. General Dwight Eisenhower said tonight that his victory in the New Jersey primary "makes me proud but thoughtful."

He returned to Supreme Allied Headquarters from a quick trip to Brussels, where he urged the Western European countries to step up their military draft programmes. He was shown the latest returns from the elections when he stepped from his plane at Orly field.

"When that many Americans think you fit for office, it makes you proud but thoughtful," he told newsmen in Paris. "But, as I said a month ago, I am not talking politics any more. What I said just now was not politics. It's just an observation."

After he had glanced quickly over the press dispatch showing the latest New Jersey results, he asked, "May I keep this?"

Returns from 3,828 of 3,840 election districts gave General Eisenhower 388,847, Senator Taft 230,232, Harold Stassen 23,740.

Democratic results in 3,540 districts: Senator Kefauver 101,002.—United Press.

NO SECONDER

New York, Apr. 16. At their State Convention today South Carolina Republicans refused to back General Eisenhower.

Instead, they selected six delegates to the National Convention and left them uncommitted. Two are supporters of Senator Robert Taft. The other four said they were not committed.

A resolution in support of General Eisenhower failed to find a seconder.—Reuters.

WITHDRAWS

New York, Apr. 16. Governor Adlai Stevenson (Illinois), generally believed to be President Truman's choice to succeed him, said today that he could not accept nomination for the Presidency.

His announcement robs the Democrats of their strongest candidate.

It came as final results from the New Jersey Republican primary held yesterday confirmed General Eisenhower's victory by about 150,000 votes over Senator Robert Taft.

Truman Flies Over Flood Areas As Workers Struggle To Strengthen Dykes

Omaha, Apr. 16. President Truman began his inspection flight over the Mid-Western flood areas today while 8,000 levee workers piled sand, gravel and lumber on dykes here to hold back the Missouri River's highest flood crest in history.

The President and his party left Washington at 12.10 p.m. GMT for the flight in his private plane Independence over Illinois, Wisconsin and the critical Omaha and Council Bluffs (Iowa) area.

He was due to land near here later to confer on flood control measures with the Governors of the flood-ravaged Mid-Western States.

President Truman's inspection flight is expected to cover a portion of the 1,250,000 flooded acres in the four States where the Missouri, Mississippi and their tributaries have driven over 75,000 persons from their homes.

No flood-waters have yet poured through the dykes here but workers swarmed like ants over the levees, building them higher and repairing the slightest chinks to protect the nearly deserted cities of East Omaha and Council Bluffs.

15 MILES WIDE

Upstream the river is 15 miles wide in places, narrowing through the man-made bottle-neck here and spreading out again downstream all the way into North-Eastern Kansas and North-Western Missouri where 50,000 acres have already been flooded and thousands of residents evacuated.

The Mississippi River reached its highest crest on record at St. Paul after driving 5,000 persons from their homes and ruining an estimated \$10,000,000 worth of property.

The crest hit 22.2 feet, more than two and a half feet above the all-time record set 71 years ago.

The flood rolled on down river toward other Minnesota towns and flooding was predicted along the Wisconsin-Minnesota border down into Iowa.

The Weather Bureau said that Iowa points also could expect severe flooding.—United Press.

TRUMAN'S PROMISE

Omaha, Apr. 16. President Truman, landing here today after a 14-State aerial inspection of the devastating Middle Western floods, promised to start a new drive in Congress for enactment of his national disaster insurance programme.

"I will push it and I will give it backing," said Mr. Truman, referring to his request last year for a \$400,000,000 programme for flood insurance.

Flying low over the flood area, starting at Rock Island, Illinois, on the Mississippi and ending with a low-level turn of the swollen Missouri from Sioux City, Iowa, to Omaha, Mr. Truman was deeply impressed by the destructive forces of the floods.

"This is just as bad as it can possibly be," he told reporters as he landed at Offutt Airbase south of Omaha. He said that what he saw yesterday morning confirmed his belief that the United States needed an overall flood control programme.

The President, a long-standing witness of Middle Western floods, said he thought the present inundation had put more land under water than ever in the history of the nation.

"It's worse than I thought it would be," he remarked.—United Press.

Still, It's Nice Pocket-Money

Godalming, Apr. 16. Britain's jackpot champion, a 50-year-old housewife, Mrs. Lilian Guest, who brought off a £25,000,000 to one chance in 25,000,000 prize in a football winning pool for the second week running, was washing up dishes today when she heard the result of her latest success.

Plump, grey-haired Mrs. Guest, who twice a week goes out scrubbing floors, was £275,000 last week by forecasting eight drawn soccer matches. She did it again this week.

This time her six-penny stake netted only £3,591, 18s. 6d. Her husband is on £11 a week, foreman in a local engineering firm, their only son works with a firm of electrical engineers.—Reuters.

Daring Jump Planned

Paris, Apr. 16. Leo Valentin, French parachutist, will attempt next month a sensational jump with a woman in his arms. It was announced today.

Valentin will jump from an aeroplane three thousand metres up with the world's woman parachute jumping champion, Monique Laroche, in his arms.

At 500 metres above ground level, Valentin will "push violently" Monique away from him to enable her to open her parachute.

Valentin will open his at only 300 metres.

The jump will take place at an aviation meet in Lens (north of France) on May 11.—Reuter.

MUTINY IN PRISON

SPREADS

Trenton, N.J., Apr. 16. A mutiny by 68 "desperate" convicts spread through the New Jersey State Prison today when 1,300 prisoners demonstrated by hammering on cell bars and shouting insults at the guards.

The original trouble-makers were barricaded in the prison print shop and they held four prison employees as hostages.

They had gone without food or water since Tuesday morning and the warden, William Carby, said he would starve them into submission.

The men delivered an ultimatum last night, saying they would give up if Carby dismissed them and if an independent investigation were made of prison conditions.

The prison authorities replied today with a memorandum handed through a broken window to the strikers, promising a "complete hearing" of their grievances if they would free their hostages and return to their cells.

There was no acknowledgment of the convicts' demand that the rioters should not be punished, except a statement that they would not be beaten.—United Press.

Fishermen Feared Drowned

Tokyo, Apr. 16. The Japanese Government authorities tonight reported that eight fishermen were believed to have been drowned off the northernmost island of Hokkaido after the 112-mile-on-hour wind which swept across the area last night.

They did not know whether there were any land casualties.—Reuter.

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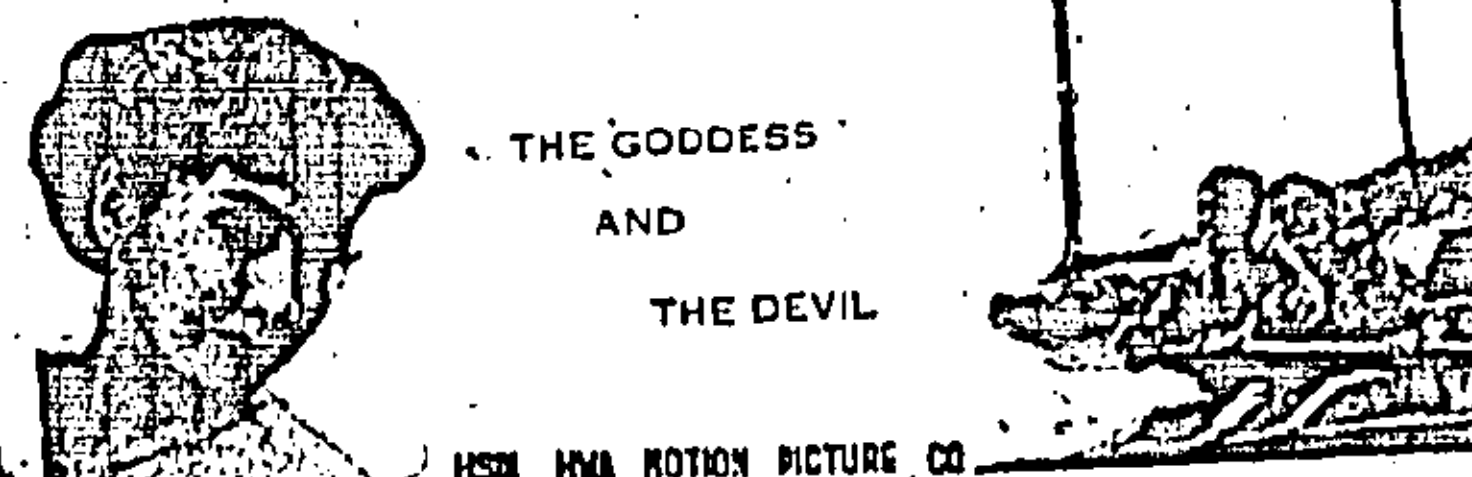
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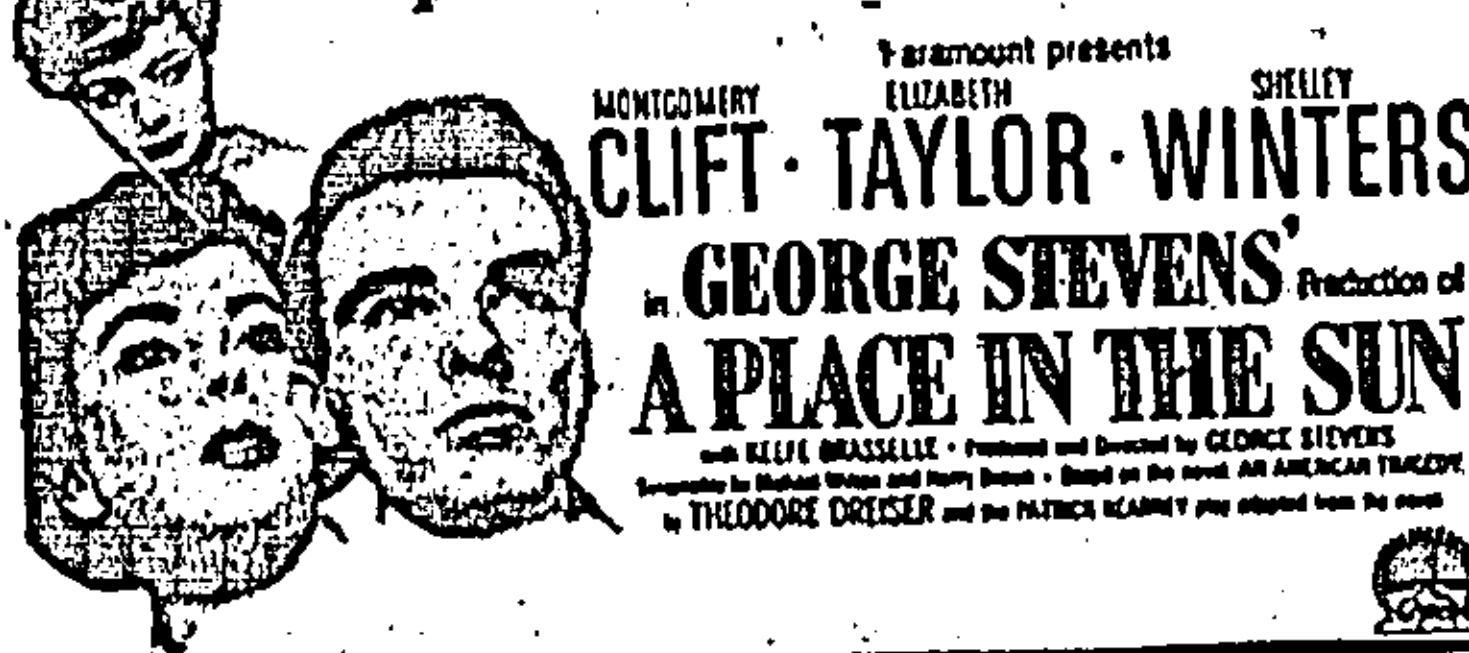
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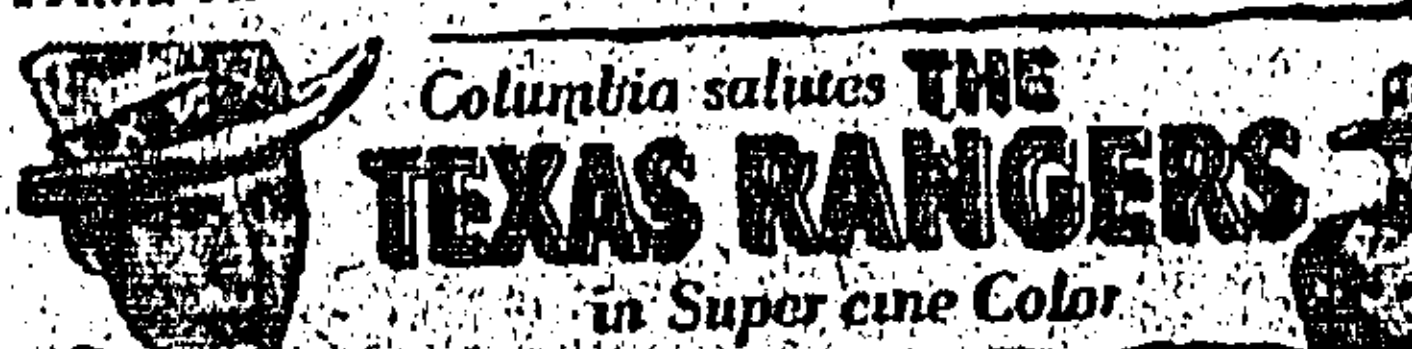
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Explosive Situation In New G.O.C. In Malaya

Tunisia No Closer Solution

Tunis, Apr. 16.
The French Resident-General, M. Jean de Hauteclouque, was reported today to be preparing for a quick trip to Paris to bring the Government up to date on the explosive Tunisian situation.

With the new Moderate Government in power for less than a week extra security precautions have already been forced by extremist demonstrations against the Premier, Salah Ed-Din e Baccouche, and his Ministers.

White-robed crowds "had gathered in front of M. Baccouche's home shouting 'Long Live Mohammed Chelik'—the Nationalist Premier who was arrested three weeks ago while a mob composed largely of women demonstrated before another Minister's house.

M. Hauteclouque, expected to leave for Paris tomorrow, will tell the French Premier, M. Antoine Pinay, that M. Baccouche has asked for a delay in the establishment of a joint Franco-Tunisian Commission to plan partial self-government reforms because he cannot get broad representation among the Tunisians.

The French have not yet chosen their members of the Commission although it has been reported that a former Prime Minister, M. Edgar Faure, might head the French team.

M. Faure has wide experience in North African administration. Some 200 persons are still under arrest following the demonstrations of the last two days. The Police are still seeking the perpetrators of the bomb blast near Tunis. Another charge was found in a railway carriage in Tunis before it exploded. The Police, meanwhile, announced the arrest of a terrorist who ran amok early in February. He is alleged to have killed a European woman.

Washington, Apr. 16.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today defended American abstention from voting in the United Nations Security Council on a motion to place the Tunisian dispute on the agenda.

He told reporters this was the best way of contributing to a solution. Asked if abstention did not run counter to customary American policy favouring the airing of all grievances before the Council, Mr. Acheson replied that America always had in mind a policy that general principles should not decide concrete cases.

The United States could not get itself into an automatic position on all issues. The French Government had expressed its willingness to go a long way toward meeting the aspirations of the Tunisian people. Therefore, they should be given time to find a solution.

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63 Years' Work In Same Firm

Gateshead, Apr. 16.
After 63 years working for a sheet metal firm, Mr. Oswald Storey, 77, of Brighton Road, Gateshead, retired today.
His wife worked for the same firm 20 years, his uncle 40 years, and his son has been working there 41 years.—Reuter.

Mystery Foreigners On The Run

Nice, Apr. 16.
The two mysterious foreigners who have been touring the French Riviera in stolen cars and a stolen yacht were tonight believed to be still on the run in their fifth stolen German car and in stolen jackets and trousers.
The latest information received by the Police indicated that the pair were hiding in the Maures Forest between Toulon and St. Tropez.
During the night a Volkswagen (People's car), belonging to a Swiss photographer, M. Jean Jacques Bessiere, of Geneva, was stolen at Le Lavandou.
The Police said early today that this car stopped outside a man's wear shop called "The One Hundred Thousand Trouers" in Toulon. The occupants threw the car's jack through the shop windows and took two jackets and two pairs of trousers.—Reuter.

Point Four Aid In Iran

Washington, Apr. 16.
The United States has signed agreements to provide \$11,000,000 for public health, agricultural and educational Point Four projects in Iran, the State Department announced yesterday.
The projects are part of the \$23,450,000 Point Four technical assistance programme for Iran for the fiscal year 1952.
Initial agreements include \$1,000,000 to help pay for the subsistence and tuition of students in educational exchange students stranded in the United States because funds were cut off by Iranian currency restrictions.—United Press.

Another Victim Of Clash

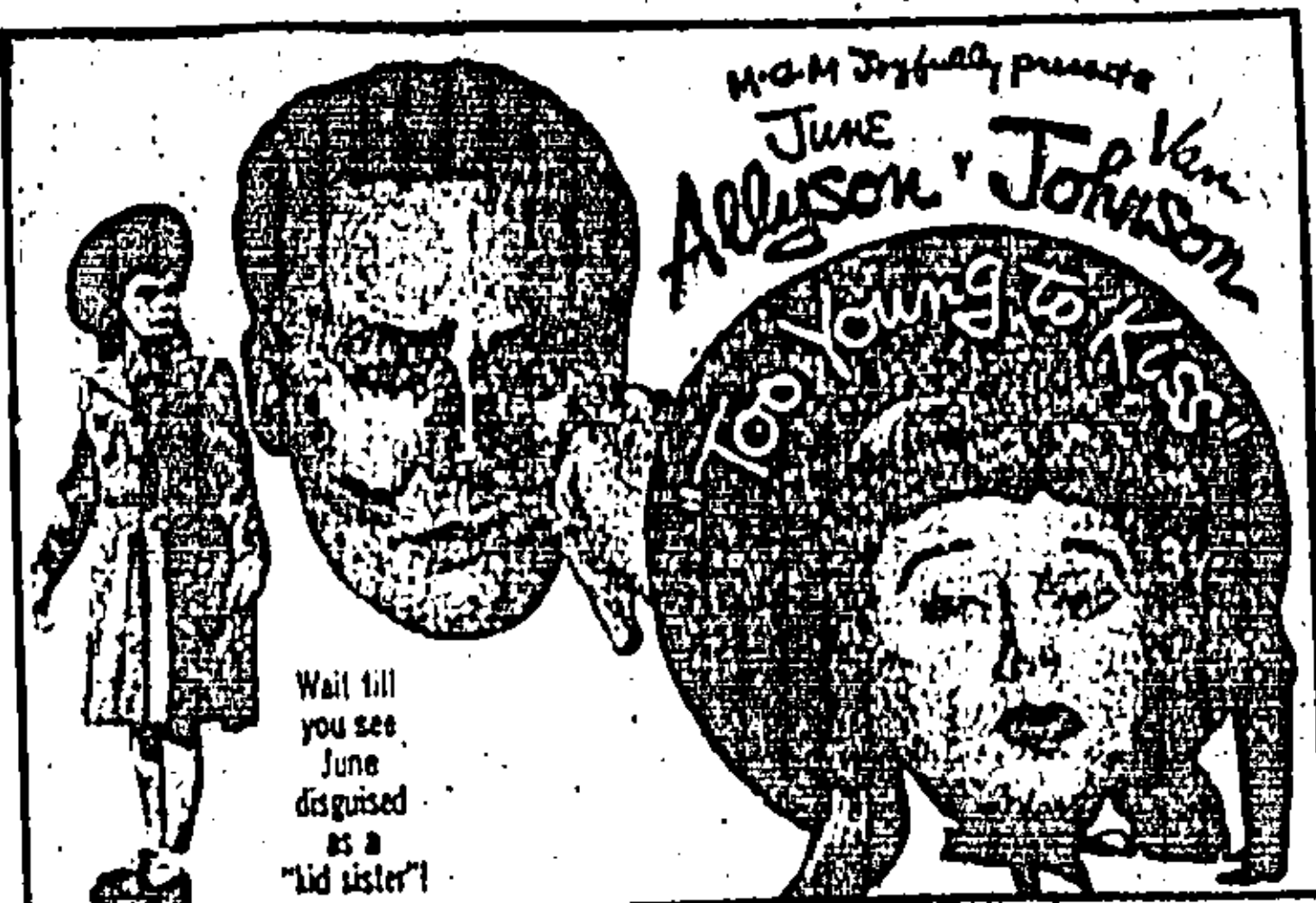
Nazareth, Apr. 16.
Another Muslim boy has died of knife wounds sustained in Monday's clash with Catholic Boy Scouts and the tense situation here between the Christian and Muslim communities is still described as being "delicate."

The death brought to three the number who were killed in an Easter Monday clash.—United Press.

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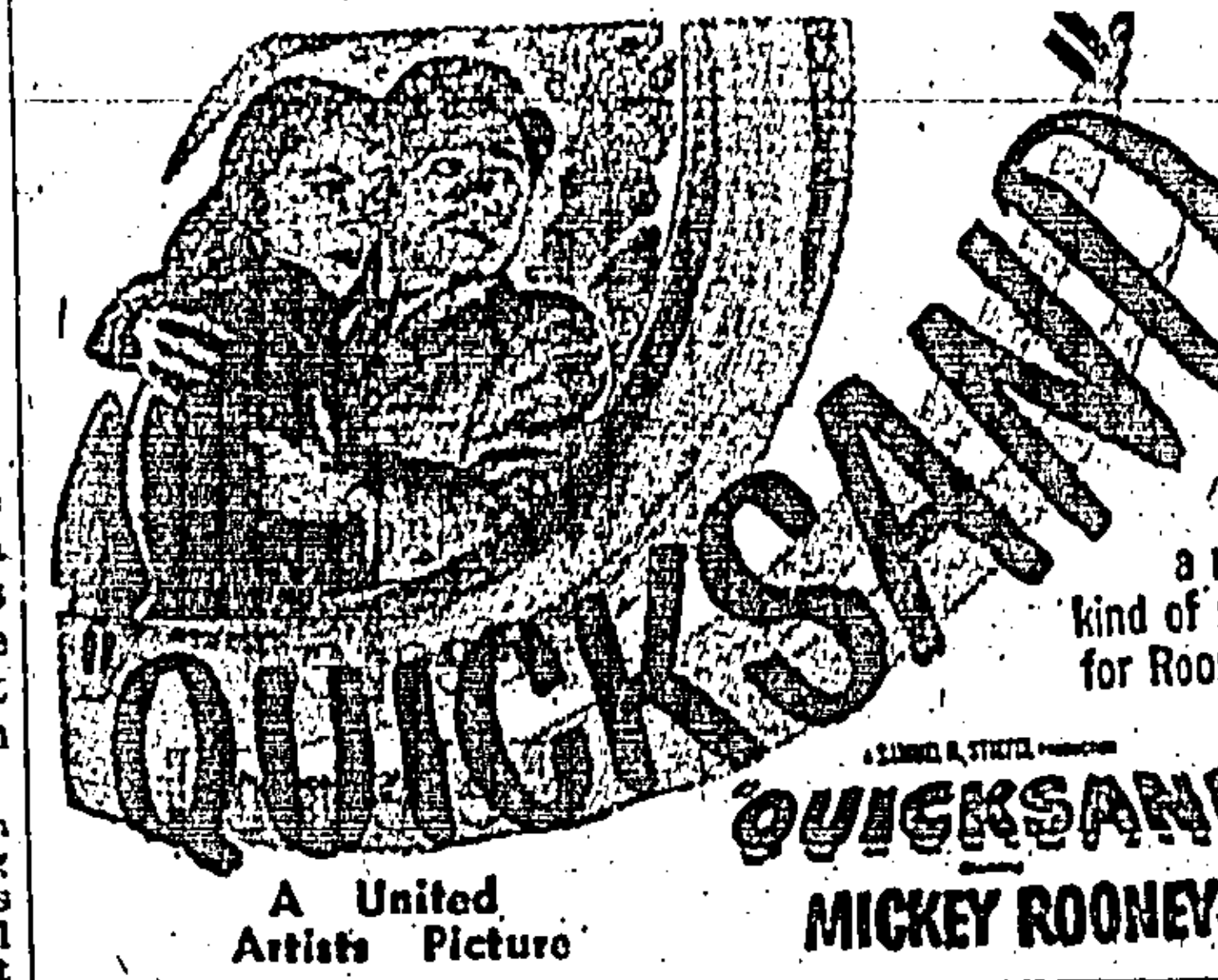


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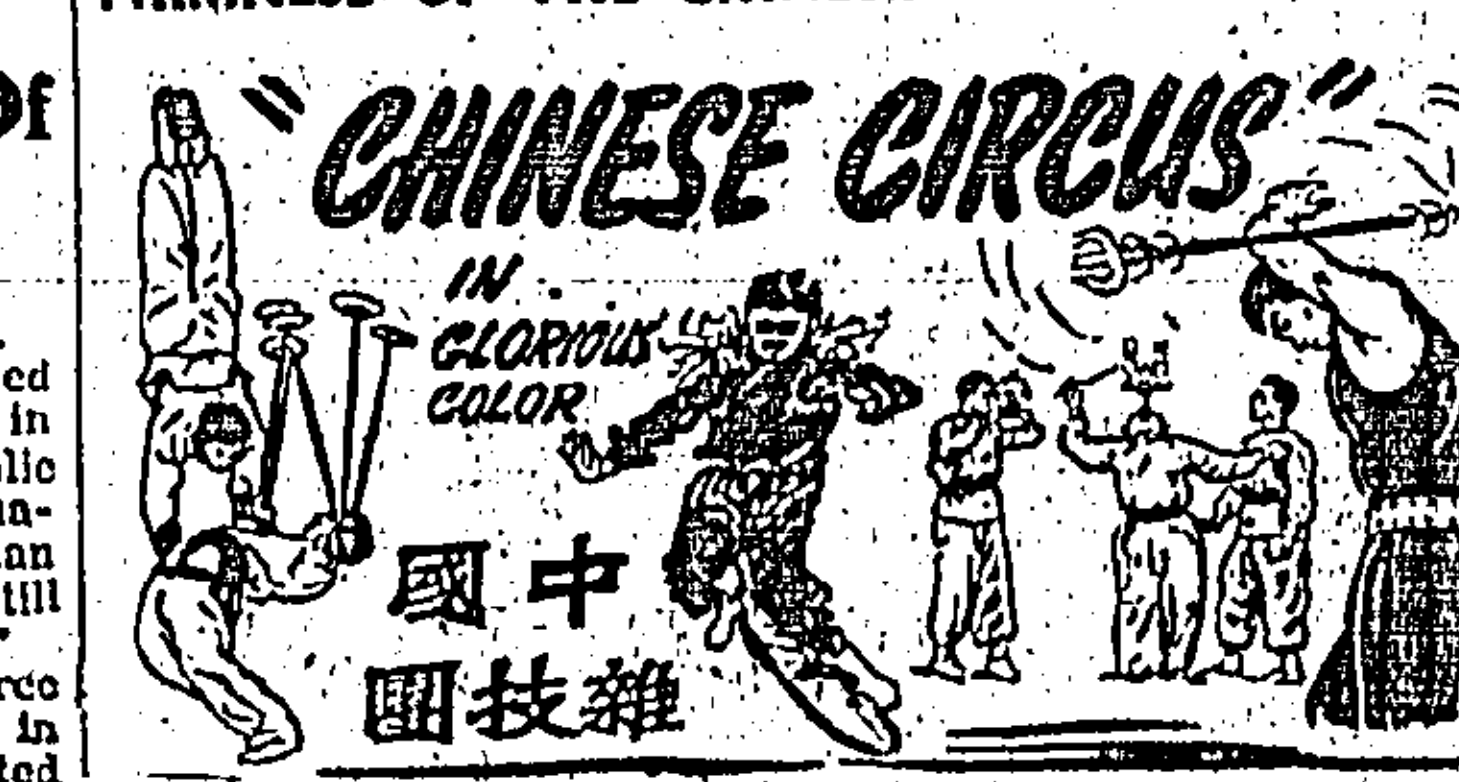
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SPECIFIC COMMITMENT BY BRITAIN TO EUROPEAN ARMY

United States Going Into Question Of Guarantee On Same Lines

Paris, Apr. 16.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said here tonight that the presence of British officials and observers on the organs of the European defence community was now under discussion and would further strengthen Britain's relations with the European army.

He added that plans for future collaboration between the armed forces of Britain and the European army are also being examined.

The spokesman said that conversations were now proceeding about America and Britain guaranteeing membership of the European army. This guarantee was being sought to remove French anxiety that one day Germany might decide to leave the army and set up again a national army.

It had not yet been decided what action America and Britain should take under the terms of a guarantee if one of the six member countries left the defence community.

The spokesman said, "France desires that such a guarantee should be as solid as possible." The European army experts will meet again on Sunday after an Easter recess.—Reuter.

AID GUARANTEES

Washington, Apr. 16.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, told a Press conference today that when European defence community arrangements and German contractual arrangements were concluded the question of extending the guarantees of Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty to all members of the European defence community would arise.

He said that the United States was prepared to consider the question and to act in accordance with the recommendations made at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation meeting in Lisbon earlier this year.

(Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty provides for each member to regard an attack on one as an attack on all. It also requires each of the partners to give what assistance it deems necessary, including the use of armed forces, to the country attacked.)

Mr. Acheson did not say whether the guarantees under consideration by the United States would go as far as the immediate and automatic guarantees given by Britain to the European defence community.

SPECIFIC GUARANTEE

It was pointed out that the British guarantee was more specific than the one contained in the North Atlantic Treaty.

Mr. Acheson said today that some other questions might arise in connection with America's interest in the continued integrity of the European defence community (EDC) and would be considered from time to time.

It would be a matter of concern to the United States, he said, if anything occurred which would undermine the EDC as such.—Reuter.

Artillery Blazes Up On Korea Front

Seoul, Apr. 17.

Artillery rumbled and flashed along the Western front early today (Thursday), heralding the early hours.

Yesterday while shaking reverberations of big guns in the same area echoed all the way southward to Seoul, four enemy groups struck Allied infantrymen.

The biggest Red group, 300 strong, thrust at Allied positions west of Korangpo but lost 31 dead. Northwest of Korangpo, enemy artillery and mortar threw 600 shells into Allied territory to support an attack. UN troops occupying the position withdrew under the barrage.

West of Munsan an enemy platoon was beaten off in a 15-minute fight early yesterday and two enemy squads were thrown back in a brief fire-fight a short time later. Star shells bathed the Western front in brilliance during the fire-fights.

In the early hours, UN raiders crossed the Sachon River, west of Munsan, and fought in an unsuccessful attempt to take a Red hill position.—Associated Press.

Anti-Trachoma Blitz Planned

Washington, Apr. 16.

Dr. Axel Hojer, Swedish public health expert, said yesterday that the United Nations plans to sponsor pilot projects in French Morocco and Tunisia for the cure and eradication of trachoma.

These projects would be operated by the French Government with technical assistance and supplies furnished by the United Nations.

The projects would hit the problem from two sides, Dr. Hojer told United Press.

"By medication we can cure persons already infected. And by a sanitation programme we shall wipe out the conditions which cause new infections to develop. Without the latter there is no long-term gain in achieving a relatively small number of cures," Dr. Hojer said.—United Press.

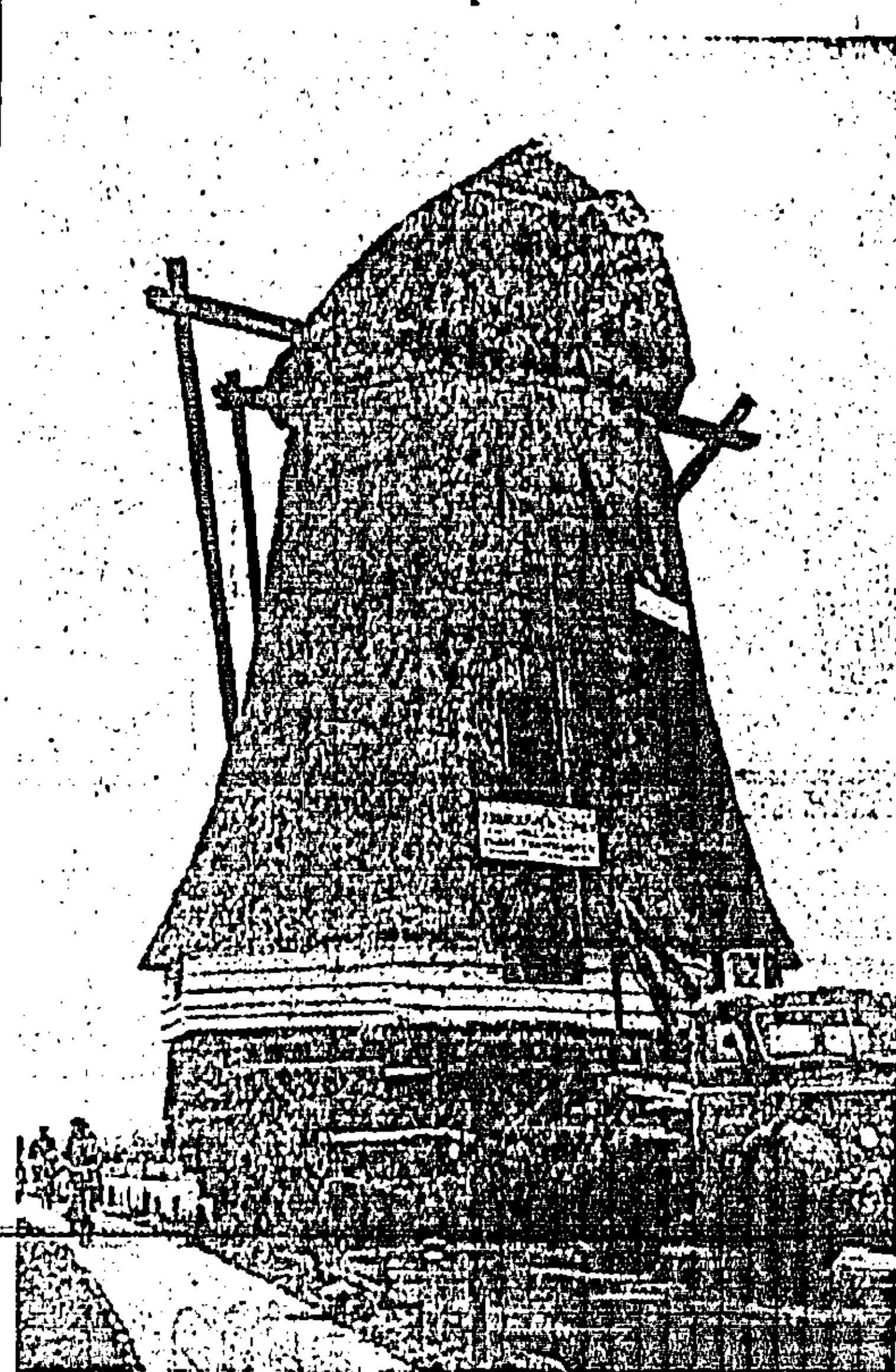
SPAIN SEEKS AN ANSWER

London, Apr. 16.

The Spanish Ambassador, Duke Miguel de Primo de Rivera, today pressed for a British reply to the Spanish memorandum calling for an international conference on the future of Tangier when he saw the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, at his own request, according to a usually reliable source.

The Spanish memorandum was delivered to envoys of Britain and other Powers interested in the International Zone of Tangier in Madrid on April 7, but a Foreign Office spokesman said it was only received here today.—Reuter.

Couldn't See It Disappear



Holland is famous for its windmills and the local inhabitants of Kamper, east of the Zuider Zee, could not bear the thought of losing their own mill when its removal was ordered, so it was shifted lock, stock and barrel on a large lorry to a new site. (Express photo)

Solidarity Of The Commonwealth Very Real, Says Ismay

London, Apr. 16.

General Lord Ismay, former Commonwealth Relations Secretary in the Churchill Government, stated today that "the important thing which the Commonwealth has, and which no amount of organisation could replace, is the will to work together."

Lord Ismay, now Secretary-General of the Atlantic Pact, was writing on Commonwealth relations in the Conservative London Daily Telegraph. His article said: "The will to work together and the habit of constant consultation produce impressive results."

Lord Ismay stated that the most striking feature of the Commonwealth family was the diversity between its eight members, coupled with their fundamental unity.

"While perhaps the solidarity of the Commonwealth is not always apparent, it is there, and it is very real," he observed. "No one country of the Commonwealth could dictate to any other, he added.

Consultation between the Commonwealth countries was much more constant, friendly and comprehensive than would be usual or even possible between foreign states, even though they were the closest allies.

The General then gave examples of "the manifold and almost infinitely flexible" Commonwealth channels for consultation, stating that on the whole there was a general desire to maintain the present informal arrangements.

LIVING ENTITY

Lord Ismay said that the entry of India as a Republic into the Commonwealth was "dealt with at a meeting of all the Prime Ministers, and they reached agreement round the table in a way that would hardly have been possible if the matter had been dealt with at long range."

The General felt that the Commonwealth was a living entity. "Our experience together in two world wars and in the trying post-war years, the pooling of information, and the ex-

Sharp Warning On Increased Steel Prices

Washington, Apr. 16.

Price Director Ellis Arnall today declared that the \$12 a ton price increase asked by the American steel industry to offset a Government-recommended wage increase will mean a rise of "at least five per cent" in the general cost of living.

He said it might also start a continuing upward price spiral of many items.

The present price of steel is around \$110 a ton.

The price increase wanted by the steel industry came after President Truman made preparations to grant wage rises to 650,000 steel workers over the heads of the steel industry.

Leaders of the industry, in a counter-move, has instructed their lawyers to secure an immediate court order to restrain payment of wage increases from the industry's funds.—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Change Of Plan

Paris, Apr. 16.

General Eisenhower returned to Paris tonight after the first of his farewell visits to the Atlantic Pact countries.

The Supreme Allied Commander postponed the next stage of his tour to The Hague after the announcement today of the death of French Major-General Henri Coudraux, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Administration at SHAPE.

A spokesman said that General Eisenhower would visit the Dutch capital on April 23 on his way back from Oslo and Copenhagen.—Reuter.

French Cut Trade Deficit By Nearly Four-Fifths

Paris, Apr. 16.

France slashed its Western European trading deficit by US\$100,000,000 in March, a record operation for any nation since the European Payments Union was founded, it was officially announced tonight.

Monthly official accounting figures released by the EPU revealed the amazing headway which France has made in its fight to stave off bankruptcy.

In contrast to February's trading loss of US\$128,000,000, France's deficit last month was only \$29,500,000.

The United Kingdom, on the other hand, lost ground in its bid to balance its trade books with a deficit of US\$74,200,000 or US\$12,400,000 higher than the previous month's.

The Netherlands, for the first time, headed the list of creditors with a thumping US\$39,200,000 surplus to underline its steady recovery of the past six months.

Belgium, a chronic creditor, again piled up US\$35,500,000 to go with the previous month's surplus of \$45,000,000.

Switzerland found itself in the strange position of being a red ink entry with a US\$5,000,000 deficit.

Portugal had a deficit of \$6,300,000 while that of Turkey totalled \$8,300,000.

Sweden had a relatively minor surplus of \$2,200,000 while Australia, Denmark, Greece, Iceland, Italy and Norway found their positions practically unchanged.—United Press.

Two Stowaways In A Plane

Geneva, Apr. 16.

Two stowaways were discovered in a four-engine passenger plane from Lydda yesterday evening when the baggage was unloaded.

The two—27-year-old Jan Poter, a mechanic at Lydda airport, and a 29-year-old law student, Jiri Akras—stated that they intended to go to Germany.

Both will be sent back to Lydda next Sunday.—United Press.

LESSON TO THE WEST

New York, Apr. 16.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told a meeting of the India League of America here today that she thought that India could give back to some of the older democracies a little of the ideals they had started many years ago.

"We of the old democracy," she said, "who have grown rather apathetic about our responsibilities, might learn from this new democracy because the recent election was a great privilege to them. Sometimes it rains on election day and sometimes it is too much trouble for us to find out what our candidates stand for. In India they have some of the enthusiasm we have lost."

Her visit to India had given her great hope that India was going to be "the country" of Asia.

She said that the Indians, with their emphasis on the spiritual aspects of life, would be unwilling to work only for material improvements.—United Press.

DESERTER TALK OF WAR SCARE

Duesseldorf, Apr. 16.

A Soviet Army deserter said here today that Russian soldiers in East Germany were being told by their political instructors that war may be near.

Sergeant Grigori Gladkiy, a 22-year-old Ukrainian who deserted from an anti-aircraft unit to West Berlin last month, said his unit was informed before his departure that war might be in the air, "if not knocking on the door."

Soviet soldiers' training, however, was as much for defence as for attack, he told a Press conference.

"People in the Soviet Union are looking forward to Stalin's death and hoping there will be a change for the better," he said.

Gladkiy had been given political asylum by the British. The British rejected a Soviet request for his return, which said he was required to stand trial for rape.

A British official told the conference that there was "quite a steady flow" of deserters from the Soviet Army in East Germany though he would give no figures.—Reuter.

Japan Seeks UN Membership

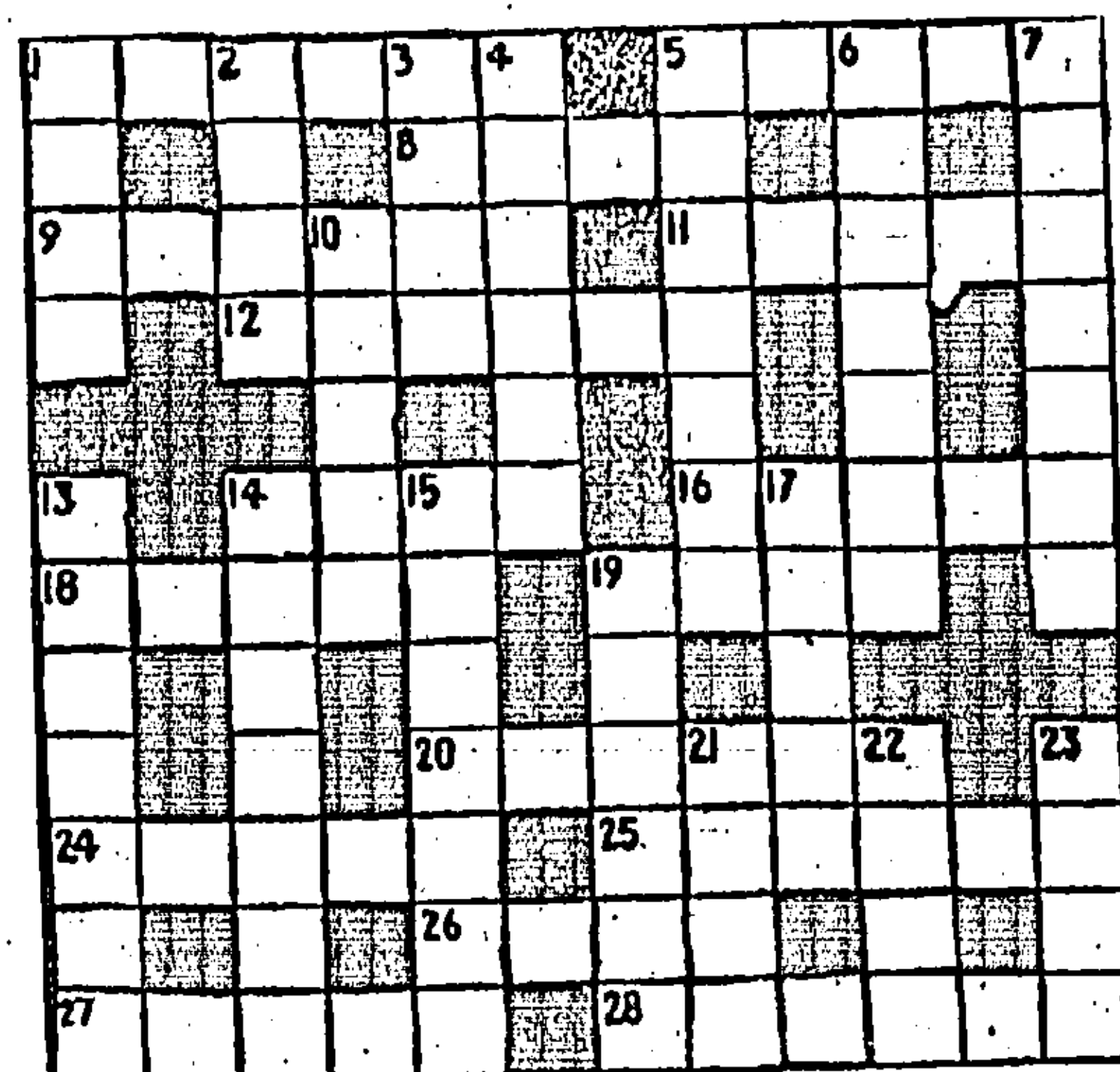
Tokyo, Apr. 17.

Japan may soon seek membership of the United Nations Organisation.

Mr. Katsumi Okazaki, Minister of State, stated this yesterday in a foreign affairs debate. He added that there was no guarantee Japan would be admitted.

"Japan wants to join the United Nations to do her bit toward a world peace," he said.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Mend (6)
- 5 Documents (5)
- 8 Room for prisoners (4)
- 9 Banishes (6)
- 11 Full of enthusiasm (5)
- 12 Male less (6)
- 14 Theatrical company (4)
- 16 Incident (5)
- 18 Territory (5)
- 19 Poems (4)
- 20 Country house (6)
- 24 Lash (5)
- 25 Part of a compass (6)
- 26 Falls behind (4)
- 27 Funeral tune (5)
- 28 Value highly (6)

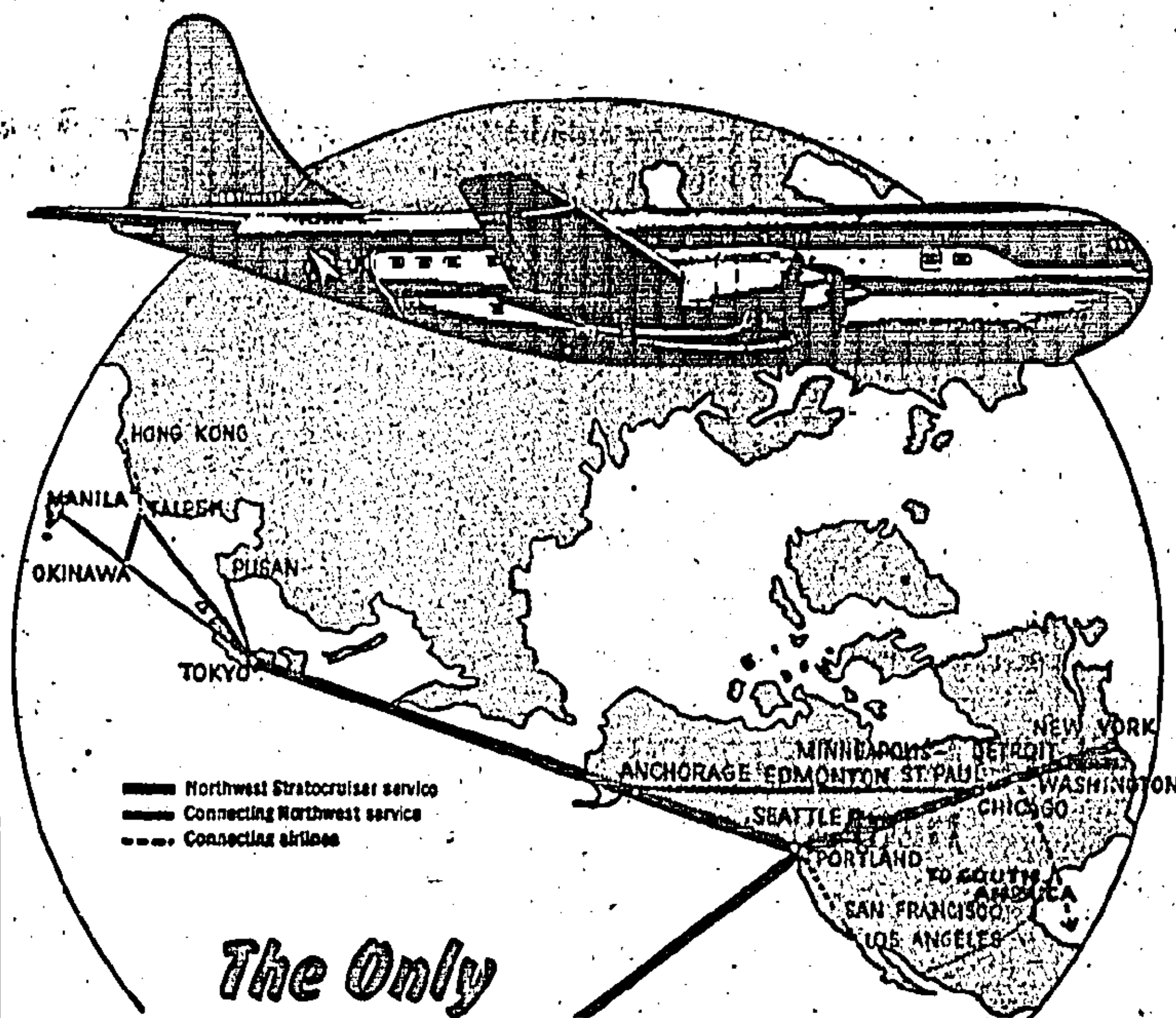
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- 1 Is repentant (4)
- 2 Brace (4)
- 3 Chilled (4)
- 4 Final score (6)
- 6 Plundered (7)
- 7 Difficulties (7)
- 10 Lawful (5)
- 13 Allowed (7)
- 14 Frankness (7)
- 15 Bring in secretly (7)
- 17 Margin (5)
- 18 Fruit (6)
- 21 Cape (4)
- 22 Brink (4)
- 23 Be abundant (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Fiekie, 4 Tramp, 7 Ornate, 8 Clash, 10 Teed, 12 Meander, 15 Diver, 16 Tide, 17 Lees, 19 Amber, 20 Assails, 21 Deal, 23 Witty, 24 Heedle, 25 Adorn, 26 Torrid, Down: 1 Flodilla, 2 Concedes, 3 Lots, 5 Reluctant, 6 Missed, 7 Gerns, 11 Disaster, 12 Menls, 13 Director, 14 Replaced, 16 Lepid, 22 Hero

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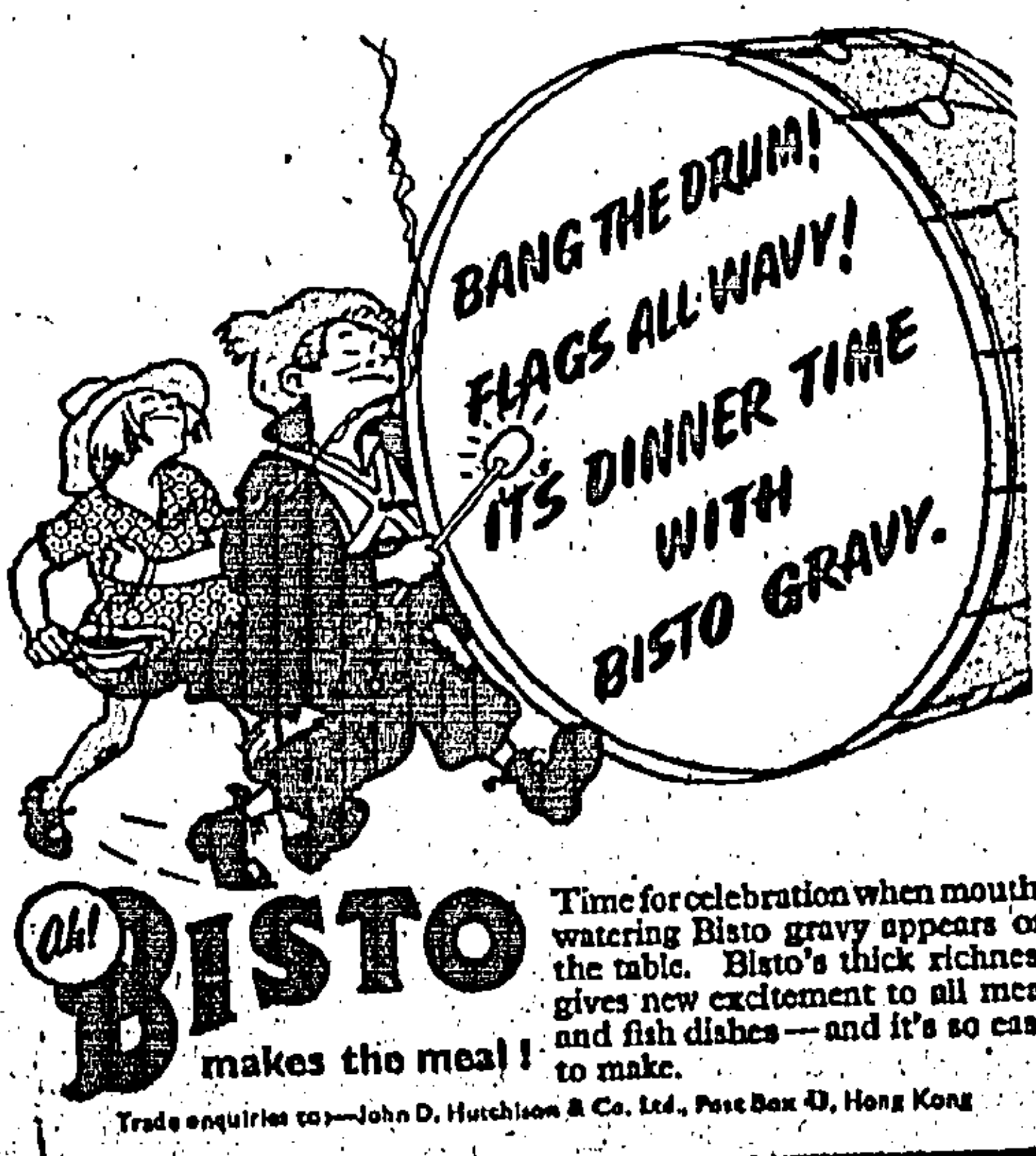
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DON IDDON'S DIARY

Slim Speaks Up At Right Time

New York, Tuesday. NEW YORK has had an exceptional number of distinguished visitors during the past few days. Mr. Attlee slipped in and out like a mouse, making scarcely any impact at all, but Queen Juliana has produced loud cheers and warm good will.

The Queen and Prince Bernhard have been staying at the Waldorf-Astoria. There has been little pomp and almost no ceremony.

There have been a modest shopping expedition, a visit to the theatre, and frank and informal sessions with the Press.

The Queen requested no curfewing from the Dutch here, and no motor-cycle escorts from the New York Police Department.

It has been an unusual royal visit, and it has been a great success.

The right note

THE Swedish Premier, Tage Erlander, and British Field-Marshal Sir William Slim have also been in town, making friends and influencing people. I thought Sir William Slim struck exactly the right note to his American audience. He brushed aside suggestions that we are on our way down: "The morale of British forces is absolutely first class, and as for the morale of the British people, it is the same as always."

"We shall grieve, we shall grieve. People will say we are decadent—then somebody will hit us and they will find out we are not."

What of Britain's lagging feet in the rearmament effort? "Nonsense. Compared to the size, population, and wealth of our country our military commitments are second to none, and I mean none."

Felicitations to the Field-Marshal. Sir William arrived just at the right time to counter an unfortunate impression created by reports of Mr. Aneurin Bevan's book "In Place of Fear."

Bevan build-up

MR BEVAN has been getting far more publicity here than he warrants. He is being built up as a tremendous figure in Britain, the one man Churchill fears, and the leader of a savagely anti-American group.

Even my barber has heard of him. "This Bevan—hates America, doesn't he? Wants to play football with the Communists. Says the Russians are fine folks and we are trying to ruin the British by sending all this dough to you."

I said: "I don't think you have the picture quite right. Mr. Aneurin Bevan doesn't know much about the United States. I shouldn't speak about him; he doesn't worry for the British people. I see you've increased your haircut price by ten cents."

My barber said: "Yes, had to. Got to get the money from somewhere to send over there to ruin you."

Critic of the Press

GREETINGS to Sir Leslie Plummer, the Socialist member of Parliament for Deptford, from the British correspondents in the United States.

Sir Leslie would leave all the reporting of America to Reuters, the news agency.

In his next Commons speech no doubt he will tell us what to write and what to print.

Sir Leslie's timing is wonderful. He chooses the moment when the Germans, Japanese, and Italians have just established news bureaux here to say that the British can't afford to have correspondents in the United States.

The defeated ex-enemies can afford correspondents—the victorious British cannot.

What has got into Sir Leslie Plummer? Certainly not hard facts. The British Press corps here is small. The American news agencies alone have more men in their London bureaux than all the British newspapers have together in the entire United States.

There are more American correspondents stationed in Europe than there are in the United States. But we must have no one in the United States except an agency man or two.

Did Sir Leslie check on the number of foreign correspondents in the United States before attacking British newspaper spending?

If he had he would have discovered that the impoverished French have 19 correspondents, the indomitable Dutch 13, the Greeks four, the Austrians three, and the Danes three.

There are also reporters from Argentina, Belgium, Iceland, Iceland, and Syria.

There are Press corps from Australia and Canada.

Two shows

I HAVE been to two big British dollar-earning shows this past week.

The first was the International Motor Sports Show at Grand Central Palace, New York, where the Americans were briskly bidding for our cars.

Among the foreign exhibitors I think we were outstanding, but some new sports cars are being put out to give our class cars serious competition.

We have been and are supreme in the sports car field. Let us stay at the top.

The other show was at the elegant home of Mrs. Ronald Tree, and when I arrived I almost turned and ran, because the house was jammed with women.

Mrs. Constance Gold, who is the sales manager for the British Women's Home Industries, Ltd., caught my arm and said: "If you are serious about Britain's dollar drive you cannot possibly overlook this fashion opening. Our handbags are vital dollar-earners."

So I sat "uncomfortably" in the drawing-room, surrounded by women—fashion writers, while debutante models walked and strutted in front of me.

It was a difficult half-hour, as I had to pretend to be an expert, feel the texture of the wool (supercloth) and comment on the styling (magnificent).

Big laugh week

STILL, it was quite a change, after all the political hubbub. The past few days have been a living circus, a travelling carnival, and a wild buglesque.

The Attorney-General, Howard McGrath, fired the special investigator Newbold Morris, and President Truman fired McGrath. Defence Mobiliser Charles Wilson resigned.

The heads rolled and the cast kept changing.

It was officially National Laugh Week, and there is no doubt it was faithfully observed in Washington. Unfortunately, the joke was on the United States.

It has been a completely blank week on Broadway—no new plays at all. The fine British film "Encore," opened at the Normandie Cinema. It is a slick and professional job.

Kay Walsh is particularly good. The Americans are flocking to "Encore."

Tarzan Lex Barker and his wife, Arlene Dahl, are going to England to make "Captains Blood." They adorned last year's Daily Mail Film Award Show.

Bound for Britain

GEORGE RAFT, who hasn't been seen for some time, is to appear at the Prince of Wales Theatre in London and will make a six-week tour of the provinces. Raft has not made a personal appearance in England for 26 years, so it's about time.

T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" was received here ecstatically as being unsuitable film material. It drags.

But the wives and children of soldiers and airmen stationed there still keep a suitcase packed, and their cars loaded with food and petrol.

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Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP moves to Africa

I, TOO, WOULD BE JITTERY WHEN LAW AND PASSIONS CLASH



A new portrait by Nicholas Mann. Sefton Delmer has flown in to the toughest potential trouble-spot of all—where whites are outnumbered by four to one. This is Report No. 1.

Johannesburg, Apr. 6. FOR Johannesburg's half-million whites this is a day of jitters. Out in the slum suburb of Fordsburg dangerous things are happening.

Blacks, yellows, and browns of South Africa's 14,000,000 proletariat are marching through the streets cheering, singing, and shouting slogans. They carry bright blue banners marked "Freedom in 1952". "Malan remember how Hitler fell".... "Down with the unjust laws".... "Down with passes."

These last two slogans refer to (1) The law providing for blacks to be confined to special areas of their own, and (2) To the pass from his white employer which every black must carry, entitling him to move in the streets.

They march with clenched fists, their shoulders high in salute—"No, it is not the Communist salute," says the rally's Indian organiser Cachalay to me. "Note that the thumb is not clenched and pointed backwards."

On they go into Fordsburg's main square, their exaltation rising steadily under the eloquence of speakers, and under the intoxicating rhythm of calypso folk songs of Africa, to which they sing their slogans and sway ecstatically.

Johannesburg police are waiting in readiness. Plain clothes men from the C.I.D. are taking miniature-camera pictures of Communist suspects among the demonstrators.

THEY FEAR....

IN the street leading to the square are dangerous heaps of broken brick, flint, and bits of paving stone. They have been left behind by drainage workers. Ideal ammunition for rioters.

And yet my feeling is that this "People's protest day," organised by the "African National Congress" ("Oh, no, with the Communists"), will not lead to the explosions Johannesburg fears. Not here.

Maybe, though, at one or two of the many other industrial centres where the congress is organising similar demonstrations.

Nevertheless, I fully appreciate the reasons for my white friends' nervousness.

FIRST—because any black or coloured riot intervening at this moment of high political tension between white and white over the rule of law issue could have the most far-reaching political consequences.

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Dr Malan's Nationalists have already hinted that they mean to denounce and ban the anti-Nationalist ex-Servicemen's Torch Commando organisation as "Communists and nigger-lovers."

The riots might provide the pretext. The Torch Commandos would defy any such move.

Civil war would be at hand. My second reason for understanding the nervousness of white Johannesburg is because of what I saw myself here yesterday afternoon.

For among the Africans I saw in Fordsburg's "Freedom Square"—so named for the Day—were many of the same men

laughed, pointing derisively. But the "club" was closed. So was the Salvation Army hostel. They talked politics—among themselves, with me: "We are slaves. But we shall remain. Believe me, boss."

They pretended to take an interest in the herbs, stacking, and charms of an African peddler squatting by the road.

And then, like the Saturday before and the Saturday before that, they began to move off in twos and threes towards the Bantu sports ground.

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BURIED BEER

AS I approached I saw they were divided into groups, each with a 2lb. jam tin from which they were drinking, passing it around the group.

In the pit were they called—digging out further tins from the ground where they buried their treasure.

The tins contained Kaffir beer, a brew made by the women from millet boiled up with yeast.

But they reinforced it with doses of carbide, methylated spirits, and even corpses of snakes and rats—anything to give it a kick.

Manjuna—here known as daghwas—was being sold openly at a shilling for half an ounce.

When I saw them they were still reasonably sober. But only a few hours later the ground was seething with thousands of men and women, fighting drunk, ready for any act of frenzy.

Nor is the sports ground the only site of mass drinking and manjuna orgies. Other illicit beer stills are in the immediate neighbourhood of Fordsburg's main square.

The meeting has not had even a tenth of the 100,000 attendance which the organisers' advance boosting claimed it would have.

But it required only one doped crazed man to set light a fire which would spread—rapidly.

BLACK TRAGEDY

THE tragic thing about South Africa's blacks as I see it in this first impression is this: In demonstrating against the Malan laws restricting them from coming into these urban areas—and confining them to special reserves of their own—they are demonstrating against their own salvation.

Only by keeping down the number of blacks in Johannesburg and similar areas will it be possible to kill these orgies, reminiscent of the worst of Britain's industrial revolution.

Only the restriction of numbers will it be possible to improve housing and provide amenities for all which will raise their standards of living.

But arrogance and hatred drive them on to self-destruction.

WHITE TRAGEDY

AS for Calvinist ex-pastor Premier Malan and the men behind him, the tragedy is that intolerance of the British—and the arrogant ambition to turn South Africa into a purely Boer country—is driving white South Africa to destruction.

For this passion is bringing him into conflict with the rule of law, which is the only possible basis for the survival of the white community, outnumbered four to one by blacks.

Fortunately, there are signs that the dangers are being recognised by the leaders of Malan's own Dutch Reformed Church. Saner counsels may yet prevail.

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Midnight Postscript: Ah, well, in Johannesburg the demonstration has in fact gone off without incident. But it could have gone differently. I feel there is no need for shame about my filters.

—(London Express Service)

Patrick Nicholson

Wallflowers Are Orchids Here

Ottawa. THE round-the-clock alert maintained by Alaska's pilots, artillerymen and radar operators on the coldest and "hottest" frontier in the cold war is being backed up by a realistic war rehearsal. Canadian and American troops are in the middle of their six months' snow manoeuvres in the 99 degrees of frost on the Alaska-Yukon border.

Alaska forms the northwest tip of the American continent, and is the vital right flank of the Pacific front. It is within five minutes' flying time of the powerful Red air bases across the Bering Strait. It has been described by General Eisenhower as the weakest link in the defence of North America.

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The few farms astride the Arctic Circle have to import all their cattle feed from USA, and pay their labourers 16¢ an hour for a 40-hour week, and 24¢ an hour for overtime. So it is not surprising that milk costs 4¢. 6d. per quart.

Overflowing with such highly-paid bachelors, Alaska's largest city of Anchorage is a happy hunting ground for single women. As shop girls or office workers, they earn \$125 per month and have a similarly unequalled number of boy friends.

Most girls admit that it is the search for a husband which takes them to Alaska, where even Civilisation's Wallflower seems an Arctic Orchid.

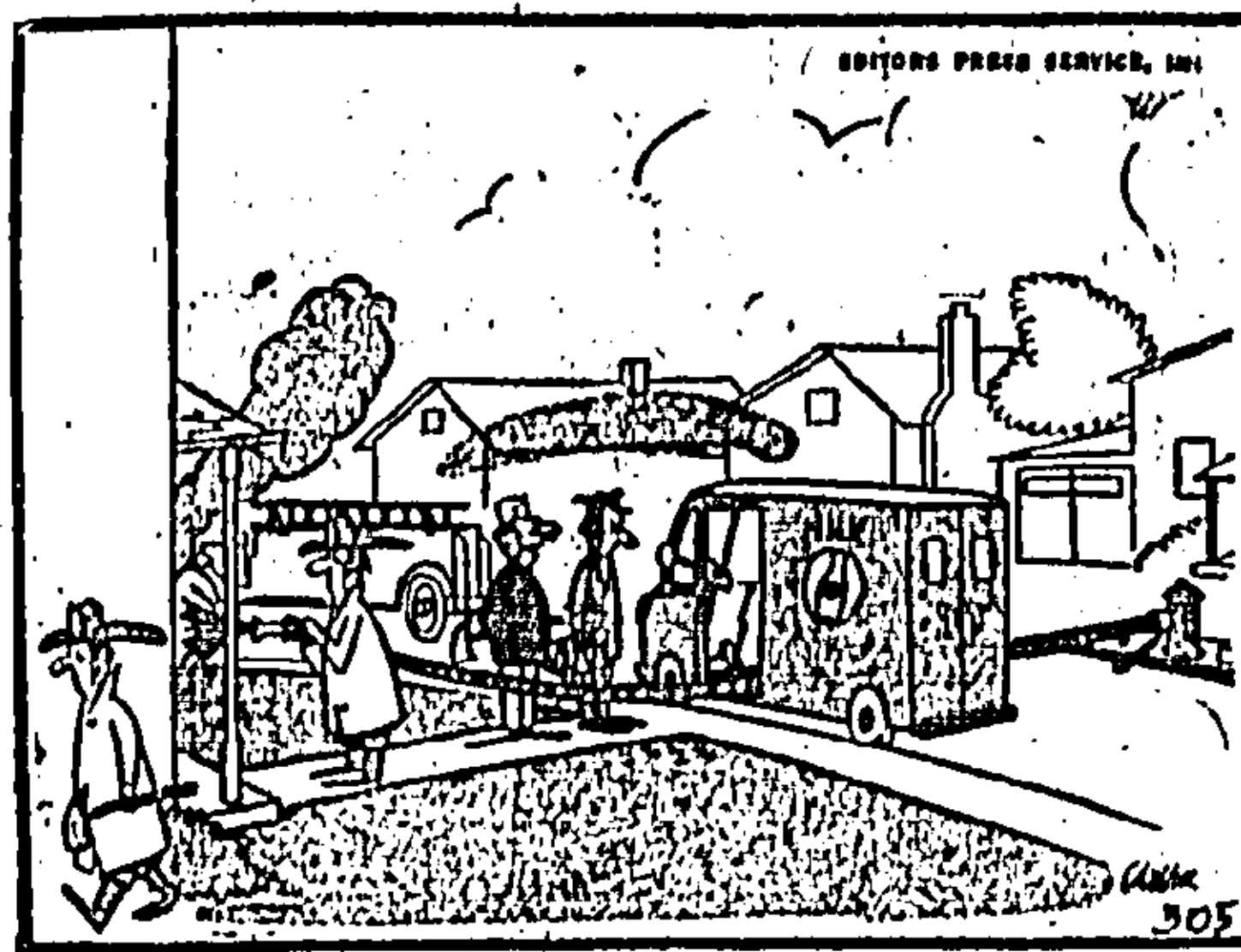
The free-spending bachelors' favourite girls is the Alaska novelty: a hooded jacket made of white fox fur and quilted inside. This is guaranteed to warm a girl's heart as well as her body for \$220.

Anchorage has the rip-roaring atmosphere of a free and easy frontier post with the glittering overlay of an American big city. Some 300 cocktail bars and night clubs cater to its 30,000 inhabitants. These gay spots mostly jostle each other along neon-lighted Fourth Avenue, which boasts that it is the longest bar in the world.

Fishing, mining, lumbering and fur-trapping are the only normal industries of Alaska. Nearly all food has to be shipped from USA to the only year-round ice-free port of Whittier. Fresh food is carried on the expensive airlift from Seattle.

Eggs and bacon cost 12¢. 6d., while a bowl of fresh fruit salad is 17¢. 6d. at the sandwich bar of the swaggy Westward Hotel.

Patrick Nicholson



"One of those things, pal. You'll just have to wait till the fire's out."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

SINISTER happenings continue to worry orchestras. The latest is a fall of plaster which covered an orchestra in Leicester with so much grit that it had to stop playing.

Instrumentalists are becoming very wary. A drummer in Manchester, more so than anything else, tapped his drum during the tuning-up, and cried: "Is anyone at home?" To his surprise, a head was thrust through the top of the drum, and out stepped rather a jolly girl. When on earth are you?" asked the drummer. "Melanie," vouchsafed the "sneaky" visitor, perching herself on his knee.

In passing

So, the word "passing" is used in many ways. It can mean a brief visit, a short stay, or a quick look. It can also mean a quick look at something, or a quick look at a person. It can also mean a quick look at a person, or a quick look at a person.

Nothing to do with me

He gave the name of de Forest, and said he had swallowed a live mouse for a bet. (News item.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

BORN today, you have one of those really active minds. You must have something to interest you at all times. If it is a constructive project, then you will make rapid strides towards success. But if you content yourself with trifling, you will waste your time and energy. You will have a keen interest in the progress of the world, and you will be a keen observer of the progress of the world. You will be a keen observer of the progress of the world.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): A fine time to hold a conference and make decisions and complete plans for your future. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Capricious of another—especially an elderly relative—may need consideration. GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Concentrate on your objective. Complete jobs that call for efficiency and show attention. CANCER (June 22-July 23): This is a day to relax and have fun with your family. LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Get some outdoor exercise if you can. Spring country air is a good tonic these days. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): A quiet, relaxing evening at home.

GOOD OLD BETTY

By T. O. HARE

"Good old Betty," said Fern, in accents designed to be sarcastic. "The pride of the family has been so good to you and I. Kiddle, have scored exactly nine each." Mr. Teacher, dissatisfied with his three daughters' progress, had given them an official examination. Points were awarded, in each subject, on a basis devised by Teacher himself: so many for the first place, so many for the second; one point for the third. A poor show all round. Teacher told the girls, "except in English literature, Kiddle comes first in that subject, and has done very well indeed." Who took second place in history?

(Solution on Page 10)

• BARPS

By HAL COCHRAN

THE theory of too many T apartment houses is that children should be seen and not heard—except somewhere else.

Police caught a man heading for his home in a stolen car. His wife can expect him in three months.

Some American banks report a shortage of pennies. Maybe those little china pigs should go to market.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Trump Echo Is Good Trick to Remember

NORTH		25
♠ K 4	♦ A Q 7 2	♠ A K 4
♠ A 2	♦ K 10 5	♠ J 10 5 3
♠ J 10 5 3	♦ J 10 5 3	♠ J 10 5 3
WEST (D)		EAST
♠ A 2	♦ K 10 5	♠ A K 4
♠ J 10 5 3	♦ J 10 5 3	♠ J 10 5 3
SOUTH		14
♠ A K 4	♦ A Q 7 2	♠ A K 4
♠ A 2	♦ K 10 5	♠ J 10 5 3
♠ J 10 5 3	♦ J 10 5 3	♠ J 10 5 3

Both sides vul.

West: 1 North East South

Pass 2 W Pass 14

Pass 1 Pass Pass

Opening lead—♦ K

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN the hand shown today was played in a recent tournament, most of the declarers were allowed to make four spades. One pair of East-West players managed, however, to defeat that contract by proper use of the trump echo.

The trump echo consists of playing a higher trump than necessary when you are just following suit. You are not trying to win the trick if you get a chance, you complete the echo by playing a lower trump on the second round of that suit.

The point of the trump echo is to show that you hold three trumps altogether. That sort of information is often more helpful to declarer than to your own partner, so you don't automatically echo in trumps whenever you have three cards in it.

You pick a time when it is important for your partner to get the information, usually early in the play when you want to get a ruff with one of your trumps. In today's hand most West players led the king of diamonds but never touched the suit again when they saw the threatening diamonds in the dummy. South was able to draw trumps safely and eventually give up a royal diamond trick.

At one table, West ruffed the king of diamonds, winning the trick, and then shifted to the king of hearts. Dummy won with the ace, and East followed suit with the diamond king. The king of spades was next led from dummy, and East carefully played the nine of spades.

West wondered whether this could be a singleton nine of spades, but he decided that the contract would be unmakeable if South had an eight-card spade suit. East was surely making use of the trump echo.

What was East hinting to show that he had three trumps? Obviously, he had ruffing ambitions. The situation could hardly be clearer, so West took his ace of trumps and went right back to the diamonds to lead the diamond ace and give his partner a ruff.

—(London Express Service)

CARD SENSE

Q—You are vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents. The bidding has been:

West: 1 North East South
1 Diamond Double Heart 3-2
2 Hearts 10-9-5 Diamond 3 Clubs 3-4-2

What do you do? You have a five-card major suit that can be shown at the lead of hearts. It is not a really hopelessly weak suit, but it is not strong either.

It may be worth mentioning your suit now for fear of not being able to do so later on. If the hand were even slightly later on, you would pass.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, West, take the ace of hearts. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Or-nard de-ming (7)
2. Hot breaking (6)
3. National jockeys try to (4)
4. Fruit of meeting (4)
5. The road (5)
6. After later (5)
7. On the small side (4)
8. The road (5)
9. What befell the car ahead? (7)
10. This before the car (5)
11. Make safe for a run, see? (6)

Down

1. A drunk but you're broke (8)
2. Sister or ducking? (4)
3. Game they played at Loo? (4)
4. Time for the start (5)
5. Had it the price the same as a tooth of a life (6)
6. At very morning break (6)
7. A without regard (6)
8. No need for a ball to do this (6)
9. Have a lot of bumpy-bump (4)
10. It's a (6)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across

1. Nuts; 2. Endavour; 3. Witches; 4. Hot; 5. Road; 6. After; 7. On the small side; 8. The road; 9. What befell the car ahead?; 10. This before the car; 11. Make safe for a run, see?

Down

1. A drunk but you're broke; 2. Sister or ducking?; 3. Game they played at Loo?; 4. Time for the start; 5. Had it the price the same as a tooth of a life; 6. At very morning break; 7. A without regard; 8. No need for a ball to do this; 9. Have a lot of bumpy-bump; 10. It's a

White, 9 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-B, any; 2. Q, R, or K; mates.

DUMB-BELLS

HE IS SUCH AN INDULGENT HUSBAND.

YES BUT SOMETIMES HE INDULGES MUCH!

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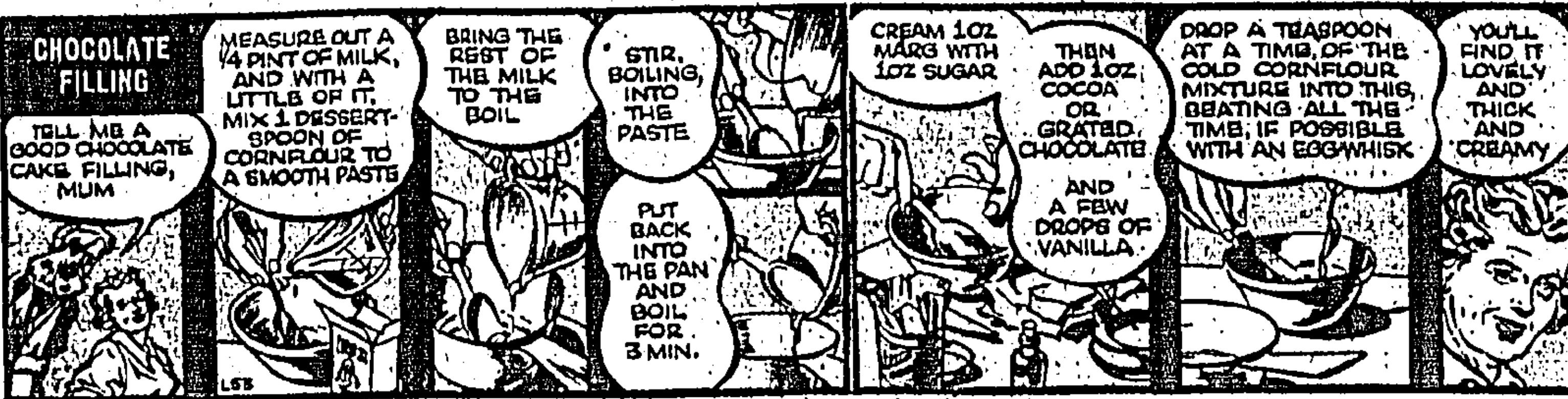
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WOMANSENSE



EASTER BONNETS FROM PARIS



EASTER BONNETS from Paris are tiny and veiled. A large pink rose trims a black straw beret (above) swathed in clouds of tulle. Turquoise satin, ringed with gold stars, makes the tiny cap (left) with red rosettes, nestling under the brim at the back. Fleated blue shantung is used for the casual headgear (right), fastened on one shoulder with a gold clip. —(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Toy-Shop That Vanished

—Mr. Punch Said It Had Some Wonderful Toys. Too!

By MAX TRELL

"DID I ever tell you about the time," said Mr. Punch, "when I happened to visit the toy-shop under the bridge?" Knarf and Hantel, the shadow-children, shook their heads and said they had never heard about Mr. Punch's visit to the toy-shop under the bridge.

"What bridge was it under, Mr. Punch?" Hantel asked. "That's just it," replied Mr. Punch, sounding puzzled. "I never was able to find that bridge again, and of course I was I ever able to find the toy-shop. But I wasn't dreaming. I really had visited it. And it was the strangest place I ever saw, or even hope to see again."

Several Slow Puffs Mr. Punch lit his pipe and took several slow puffs before he began once more. "It was around Christmas. I had been to lots of toy-shops. But all of them had the same kind of toys—the usual wooden tops, marbles, dolls, wooden blocks, trains, automobiles that went when you wound them up in tin cowboys on tin horses and all the rest. But I was looking for something different, though what that might be I didn't exactly know. So I stopped before every toy-shop I came to and looked through the window at all the toys, hoping I might by accident come across the different sort of toy I thought I would like. And all of a sudden I came to a street I had never seen before."

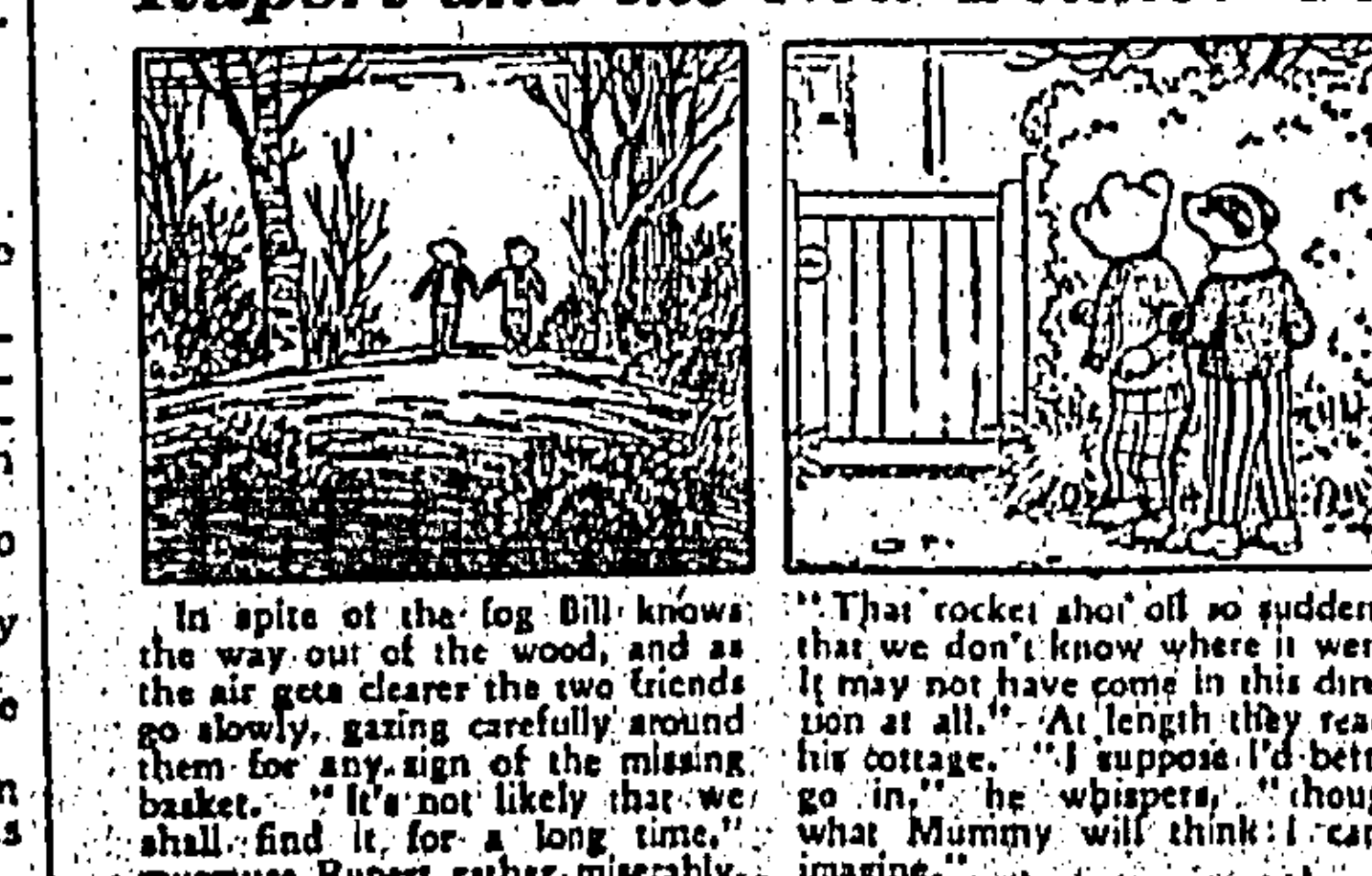
"On the other side of the window was a chess board, filled with kings and knights and castles and other strange creatures. Yes, they were all creatures! They were alive! They kept jumping from one square to another, pushing each other, leaping over each other, dashing from one end of the board to the other in the most extraordinary way!

"And next to the chess board was a Jack-in-the-box. When the top sprang open, out leaped Jack, right out of his box! "But the best and most wonderful of all were the tin soldiers. Or were they tin? I don't know. Some marched with muskets. Some carried flags. Some rode on horses. But all of them were real! They lifted their legs. They swung their arms. They waved their flags. They beat their drums. And they—beat their drums and galloped. My, how I wanted those tin soldiers!

"So I ran home to get some money. And then I ran back to the street with the toy-shop under the bridge. But it was all gone—the street, the bridge, the toy-shop, the wonderful toys, everything. And I've never, never been able to find it again."

And Mr. Punch sighed.

Rupert and the New Bonnet—23



In spite of the fog Bill knows the way out of the wood, and as the air gets clearer the two friends go slowly, gazing carefully around them for any sign of the missing basket. "It's not likely that we shall find it for a long time," murmurs Rupert, rather miserably.

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A Formula For Keeping Young

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF a woman cares enough about the matter, won't stint on beauty chores, she can keep the youthful bloom of her complexion for many years.

Massage is an excellent means of preservation and for keeping wrinkles at bay. The emollient should be heavy enough to offer resistance to the manipulations of the fingers. It should be used fairly generously. As the skin laps it up, and it will, keep spreading on more. All motions should be upward on the skin.

isn't stretched. This is about the only way one can exercise the delicate fibres of one's face. Pat around the eyes, where tissues are thin. Slip all the surfaces, including the neck, to make the blood streams dance.

Health and Beauty

Every woman should realise that the state of her health—mental as well as physical—has much to do with the condition of her skin. Malnutrition will make it gray, so watch that you have a balanced diet—the right proportions of carbohydrates, proteins and fats. Be sure you get your vitamins and mineral salts. Plenty of fruit and vegetables will do that for you.

Loss of sleep is a common cause of wrinkles. Those crazy dears who become ambitious at late hours, shampoo their hair, do all sorts of tasks, are being mean to themselves. They should pile in between the sheets before they are all played out.

Plenty of Water

One should drink plenty of water; the body is composed largely of fluids and water aids the functioning of the digestive motors and the organs of elimination. Some skins are dry because they are thirsty.

Getting outdoors helps chase away worrisome thoughts, and outdoor sports are wonderful for preserving the youthful shape.

As a last tip, don't indulge in emotional storms. They can rob you of your strength, as well as happiness, as they are a tax on the nervous system. They don't get you anything, anyway. So keep sweet and let your look that way for a long time!

Household Hints

A steam pressure cooker deserves good care and careful handling. Keep it covered when not in use. Be sure that it is perfectly clean and well dried before putting away. Put the lid on upside down so the air can get into the kettle and keep it odorless.

If you are storing garments, be sure they are not only clean, but dry. Damp fabrics will mildew, and experts say that no saving formula has yet been devised for removal of the grayish stains caused by the parasite that feeds on warm, damp fabrics.

To remove decals from a painted surface, moisten a cloth and affix it to the wall over the decals. Keep it moist. In about half an hour you should be able to peel them off. Variety stores have a special blotter for this purpose.

VALUE OF THE FAMILY PICNIC

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

SPRING and summer are the seasons for family picnics. Many a family with a spacious shady lawn or yard often eat outdoors. It affords an attractive occasion for all the children to help and theirs usually more fun and comradeship than at the regular meal indoors.

The same is true when the family go together to a park or other open place some miles from home. Often then some other children and adults join in this family picnic. When the whole family help assemble the equipment at home and pack it into the car, ride off together and together cook and spread the food and enjoy it in the free open space, there is a strong motive for the children to take responsibility and for all to have good times together.

Larger Picnics

Similar values derive from larger picnics, made up of many families from school, club, grange or lodge, or by the assembling of a family clan. The appeal is to entire families, who may maintain their unity and identity in part. After the meal there usually are games and sports in which the children participate. Children, youths and adults make many new friendships and have wholesome enjoyments.

Though one may see at such a picnic some spoiled child, also may see many who are

wonderful in behaviour and family co-operation. Over some years I have been impressed with what seems to me a sign at such picnics of growing tenderness by parents toward young children and of understanding loyalty in these parents toward all the children there.

Life-Saving Guards

At some of these picnics some tragedies occur, especially from drownings, which should have been averted. Often the picnic is held by a beach, stream or swimming pool. Not always are adequate life-saving guards provided, sometimes none at all. Some children who can't swim, going along with others who can, may venture into too deep water, if not properly protected.

On arriving with your child at such a picnic, check at once on the apparent hazards and ascertain if proper safeguards have been provided. If they have not, your child will be fortunate, even at the risk of having some of his freedom curtailed, if you personally keep an eye on him or forbid him (effectively) to go to certain places. Unfortunately, a few children, having failed to learn reasonable obedience at home, will keep on account of their parents' counsel or command concerning safety at a picnic. With proper training at home and safeguards, children and whole families can have valuable experiences at family picnics.

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THE FOOTBALL GENTLEMAN —A PEN PORTRAIT OF ARSENAL'S JOE MERCER

By JOHN WATERMAN

To the 60,000 or so who crush into the Arsenal Stadium every other week there is no one quite like Joe Mercer. He is their 38-year-old captain, with hair slightly silver at the temples, with twiddle-toes and a Palace of Versailles grin. And to soccer followers all over Britain his name, after 22 years at the game, has gained the lustre of a vintage champagne label.

He is Joe the jaunty one, Joe the imperturbable, playing a captain's game, but above all he is Joe the Most Likeable Soccer Personality, Joe the Football Gentleman.

Tallest Ever U.S. Olympic Cage Team

New York, Apr. 16.
The World's Olympic athletes in London gaped in amazement when America's skyscraping basketballers stepped out on the court at Wembley Stadium in 1948. Wait until they get a load of Uncle Sam's 1952 giants at Helsinki this summer.

Four years ago the star-spangled average of an awesome six feet four inches tall, with a seven-foot foot. Karlend, the only repeater, from 1948, averages almost an inch taller—exactly six feet 4 1/4 inches.

In 1948, the 14-man squad was composed of five players from Kentucky's collegiate champions, five from the AAU, Champion Phillips, and four other players. The latest edition is made up of seven from the Kansas University Kingpins, five from the AAU Champion Peoria Caterpillars and two from the Phillips Oilers.

Head coach of the 14-man squad is Warren Womble, 32-year-old leader of the Calumet, who will be assisted by 67-year-old Forest Allen, Kansas mentor. Peoria won the Amateur Championship of the United States by whipping Kansas 42-60 in a thrilling finale of the Olympic trials in Madison Square Garden here.—Associated Press.

Team-of-Four Bridge Tourney This Evening

The first qualifying round of the Hongkong Open Team-of-Four Bridge Championship tournament for the International Films Cup will be played this evening at the Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, commencing at 7 p.m.

The following teams have entered:

Y. C. Chu, Clement Y. Yeh, Y. T. Fong, S. C. Sun, Charles Pan, T. Y. Chang, F. L. Ip, Max H. H. Chen, Victor Zilinsky, Henry S. Kwai, K. Y. Ho, George Y. C. Tang.
E. Marchetti, Y. M. Chu, Dodge Chen, L. C. Tsui, Mrs. J. O'Grady, Mrs. J. G. Downe, A. V. White, Mrs. A. V. White, A. R. Polak, Mrs. S. Bard, B. Godkin, S. M. Bard, G. Strickland, P. C. Ip, Horan, Lo, Francis Zimmar, D. M. Rodriguez, A. E. Oronho, A. J. Motta, F. A. Bill, A. M. Oronho, J. A. Remedios, A. F. Oronho, W. Y. Hsieh, Dr. Ed Chow, T. C. Woo, T. S. Wang, Gregory Sun, E. M. Remedios, R. M. G. da Silva, A. D. Reis, A. C. Sequiera, L. J. D'Almeida Remedios, J. L. Securina, M. J. Remedios, T. E. Rodriguez, A. B. da Rozi, Tony Liang, Charles Chen, Howard D. Hoffman, David Mussy, Paul O'B. Hove, Mrs. L. O'B. Hove, C. C. Lou, Mrs. Ch. Godkin, Mrs. Wilson, Mr & Mrs W. J. Citrin.

This is the man who was capped for England five times before the war, who played in 22 war-time internationals, who has two League championships and one Cup-winners medal.

MOTHER'S ADVICE

What was it like climbing to this Parnassus of honours? For Joe Mercer it was a cautious ascent. His mother saw to that. She taught him caution even as a small boy when he played for Cheshire Boys team. His father was a professional footballer for Nottingham Forest before the 1914-18 war.

His mother realised what the quietest appeal of soccer was to a young boy—yet how dangerous it could be.

Before ever she allowed him to be committed to a long-term contract for Everton, who had he should play six games in the reserve team to prove himself. After that he signed amateur forms.

It was another three years—in 1933—before he signed as a professional. His first pay packet was £5 for the week. Mercer considers he did well. "Those were the days," he says, "when you could sign up for as little as 30s. a week. And five pounds was real money."

HE SAVED

But he appreciated even then that this fortune might not last. He knew that injury, or even loss of form, might put him out of the game. He managed to save quite easily, he was, and still is, thrifty, a non-smoker, and a light drinker.

Today he earns about £1,000 a year from football. This includes his £14 a week during the season, £10 a week in the summer, plus a £2 bonus for a win, and £1 for a draw. And included is the £750 benefit money to which he is entitled every five years.

Success in the Cup brings bigger bonuses and talent money up to £70 a player for the winning side.

Mercer is not a much-transferred player. He has changed clubs only once, from Everton to Arsenal in 1948. The fee was £8,000. Out of that Mercer himself received only the statutory £10 signing fee.

For men who entertain a million people a week, figures like this certainly bear no comparison with the amounts paid to film stars and stage entertainers. But Mercer does not consider his pay too bad—though he fully approves the recent proposals for a £20 a week wage. "That would be an added incentive to top-class players," he says.

It is not the handsome prize for professional footballers, what are the real rewards? Says Mercer: "Of course, men must come into the game first and foremost because they like playing. The money does enter into it, naturally—but I know for a fact that most footballers would play for a win whether there was a bonus or not."

NO ILLUSIONS

So that then is the reward—the game-school-motto-ish as it may seem. And, for a success man like Mercer, the honours.

For all that, Mercer has no illusions about the difficulties of being a professional footballer. He considers the greatest drawback is the fact that they have to live and think football for seven days a week. And he has seen the more obvious dangers from the beginning of his career.

He says: "When you are in your twenties it's not so bad; you can look forward to a reasonable life playing football full-time. But when you get to your thirties, you should begin to look around to what comes after—begin to look for another job, because football won't last for ever."

This part of his creed Mercer has carried out. He is now a grocer.

He lives at Hoylake, Cheshire. On the Wirral he has an interest in the four wholesale and retail grocery stores run by his father-in-law.

Five days a week he puts as much verve into that job as he would into playing football.

IT'S MARVELLOUS

"Grocery," he says, "is marvellous. I think grocery's marvellous. You've no idea how interesting it can be. But it's a business you've got to be on top of. There's always something needs doing."

He does any work that comes to hand, serving behind the provision counter, invoicing, making up orders, taking stock, standing in for one of the travellers, getting new orders. With the excitement of a boy who has just collected some coveted glass-alloys into his marble pocket, he announces: "Five new customers this morning."

The grandstand critics, nevertheless, wonder whether all this grocery is good for an Arsenal captain, and whether it prevents him training. Mercer refutes these ideas. "I train every day without fail," he says. "Sometimes I do it on the Royal Liverpool Golf Course; if I'm in Wallasey I nip down to Liverpool's ground; if I'm up here in Hoylake I like to run over the sands."

RELAXATION

"And you know it's not really a strain combining grocery and football or having to travel down every week to play. Training serves as a break from grocery, and when 5.30 comes on Friday, I regard the train journey down to London as a wonderful relaxation."

Apart from that relaxation, Joe takes few others. Grocery, in his single-minded determination to be a success off the football field, eats into his spare time. As I talked to him there was an invoice book open on his lounge table.

In the winter he plays no other game but football. When the light nights come he plays golf. His handicap is 6.

His wife, 32-year-old Norma Mercer, has tried to get him to play tennis. But after excuses and a feigned injury she gave up. The subject is treated with gentle badinage, on which the Mercer home-life thrives, bubbling along like light comedy.

CAR TRIPS

"Our main relaxation," says Mercer, "is the car in the summer." With their eight-year-old son, David, they usually go into the Welsh hills, which can be seen distinctly through the lounge window.

In the evening Joe and his wife usually stay at home. Occasionally they watch TV.

At 38 Joe Mercer has no thoughts of retiring from football.

And his wife says with a smile: "Yes, he'll go on; but I suppose by the time he's a hundred he'll be a bit past it. He'll probably be down to blow-football by then."

(London Express Service)

ARSENAL AWAIT THE GREAT DAY



After a quick bath and a rub down, some of the Arsenal team pose for a cheerful picture as they now await the great day of the final match against Newcastle at Wembley.

Left to right: Don Roper, Doug Lishman, Joe Mercer, Fred Cox and Roy Daniel.

Visiting Manila Soccer Team Loses Third Match To Combined Chinese

By "SPIV"

The visiting Manila Soccer XI lost their third and last match in Hongkong yesterday to the Combined Chinese by five goals to one.

The result turned out to be a happy one for both teams, the Manila team being thankful that the score did not reach the double figure mark and that they managed to get one goal for themselves.

The Chinese were satisfied that last year's result, when they just managed to win by 1-0, was not repeated and that they equalled yesterday the 5-1 victory of the Hongkong Selection.

A little less happy, perhaps, were the Committee of the Hongkong Football Association at the end of yesterday's match, for more likely than not the series will leave them in the red, taking into consideration the commitment to send a Hongkong team over to Manila next year at their own expense. Yesterday, the attendance was not too bad, being about 50 per cent.

The general run of yesterday's play brought with it a stampede of spectators across the field at half-time.

They wanted to be at the end where the ball was for most of the time—the Manila goalmouth.

But for a number of missed chances and about an equal number of good saves by the visiting goalkeeper, Javellana, the score might have easily been doubled.

On the whole the visitors gave a better display than in their previous two matches, with their centre-half, Eduque, and centre-forward Vicente, particularly conspicuous.

Vicente scored his side's only goal and had bad luck in not adding another goal when he missed the ball with an open goal just a few feet in front of him.

Greatest weakness of the visitors appeared to be their inexperience in positioning, in which time and again they were covered and squeezed to off-side. Their passes were too high and too straight to the man.

THE GOALS

Hongkong set the pace from the opening whistle and Javellana was called upon to hold a hard long drive by Szeo Man.

Manila got through with their first breakthrough, but Arrastiz's long shot was easily taken by Leung Tin-tong.

In the sixth minute, Hongkong opened their scoring. A strong drive by Hau Ching-to was stopped by Javellana, but the ball went to Kwok Ying-lok who tipped the ball across the goalmouth. Kwok tipped the ball forward to the oncoming Lee Tai-fai, who complied with one of his pile-driving shots to the corner of the goalmouth.

The next minute saw Hongkong notch up another goal to bring the score to 2-0 at the interval. A low centre from the right touchline by Szeo Man was first-timed by Kwok Ying-lok, but the latter mistimed it and the ball just grazed his boots and slipped into the net.

On the resumption, Hongkong were again all over the Manila goalmouth and went further ahead when Hau Ching-to nicely gathered a long cross by Lee Tai-fai, took the ball inwards and crashed it into the net.

An error of judgment by centre-half Soong Ling-sing gave the visitors their only goal. A long through pass was let alone by Soong, judging that the ball would have safely gone to the goalkeeper.

The Manila centre-forward, Vicente, however, shot forward, beat Leung Tin-tong to the ball and walked it into the net.

Almost immediately Hongkong increased their lead to 4-1. Hau Ching-to got through on the left wing and, nearing the goal-line, tipped the ball across to Kwok Ying-lok who had no difficulty in topping it past Javellana.

57 Teams In This Season's Tennis Leagues

Fifty-seven teams, as compared to 63 last year, will participate in the various divisions of the 1952 Colony Tennis League, organised by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association.

Chinese Recreation Club, holders of all the four titles in the Men's Division, head the list with 11 entries and appear to be the pre-season favourites to retain all these titles again.

South China Athletic Association, who won the Mixed "A", Mixed "B" and Ladies' "A" titles last year, have entered six teams, but will have a harder task this season in holding on to their top positions.

In the Mixed "B" they have already lost Mr and Mrs Gordon Lum, and will be losing Ip Koon-hung, who is likely to be away at Wimbledon, and Mrs Mary Chow who will be away for a six months' holiday in Europe from next month.

Incidentally it is learnt that Mrs Chow may compete in the French Championships and is being persuaded to try and take part at Wimbledon. The experience of playing in these Championships will certainly be of immense benefit.

So far the only club missing among the entries is United Services Recreation Club, and it is hoped that their entries would be coming before the League Committee meeting which is scheduled to take place at 5.15 p.m. at the Hongkong Cricket Club today.

Club de Recreo have again entered for the Men's "A" Division, even with very little prospect of winning it, and their good example has been followed by Craigengower Cricket Club.

Three teams, however have dropped out from this division—University, Hongkong Cricket Club and Urban Council, and South China have cut down to one team, leaving a total entry of only four teams.

FULL ENTRIES

Men's "A" Division: Chinese Recreation Club (holders), South China, Club de Recreo, Craigengower Cricket Club.

Men's "B" Division: South China, Chinese Recreation Club (holders) (two teams), Hongkong University, Club de Recreo, Ladies' Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Urban Council.

Ladies' "A" Division: South China (holders), Chinese Recreation Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Ladies' Recreation Club.

Ladies' "B" Division: Craigengower Cricket Club (holders), Ladies' Recreation Club (two teams), Club de Recreo, Kowloon Cricket Club, Hongkong University.

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THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



Saints Too Good For The Macao All-Stars

By "GRANDSTAND"

Playing at Macao during the holidays, the barnstorming Saints proved to be too much for the Macao All-Stars when they breezed through to a 12-3 victory in triumphant culmination of a successful season.

The sudden cold snap prevented both teams from putting up their best performances, but in spite of the adverse weather conditions a goodly crowd turned out to exhort the local side against the Hongkong Champions.

There was no doubt that the Macao side was somewhat awed by the renowned Saints when they took the field, and did not display the same form as previously when they humbled several local contingents who toured their port.

Joe Britto started on the slab against the visitors but, suffering from an attack of the jitters, he lost control of his pitches and was yanked from the mound in favour of Padre Faushingbaur, who managed to stem the flood of runs.

The Saints scored in every inning except the fifth when they could only manage a trio of pop-flys.

In the absence of Dave Leonard at shortstop, playing manager Arturo Orosio plugged up the windy alley while George Souza guarded the key-stone sack.

The Macao runs were registered in the second inning when Padre Faushingbaur lifted a towering fly which left gardener Showboat Ali muffed in the wind, and again in the fifth when the versatile Padre smashed out a clothes-line drive over centre-fielder Tim Ablonk for a two-run homer.

During the game, outfielders Hyndman and Gonzales ran smack into each other, and were knocked out cold as they collided. It took several minutes to revive Hyndman and it is understood that Gonzales suffered an arm injury.

A selected Hongkong side who toured Macao as guests with the Saints found little difficulty in battering a mixed Macao side in an exhibition attraction.

The players were: Macao—Al Carrion, Bid Shaw, Chacha Leigh, Pat Carr.

Hongkong—Hyndman, Gonzales, Leonard, Showboat Ali, Tim Ablonk, Padre Faushingbaur.

Among those who have given their whole-hearted support are Mr Gallion of MEICO for the use of their ground, Mr Antonio Conceicao for publicity in the Noticias Macau, Mr Joas Lopes, Director of the Secreco Politica, and Commandante Paletti and Tenente Costa of the Macao Police.

In the evening, the Hongkong contingent were guests at a dance held at the MEICO Club given in their honour where the Banda Esperanza and several guest-stars freely provided melodic entertainment to the large gathering.

It is understood from Mr Andrew Souza of the Macao Softball Association that preparations are in hand for the organisation of a six-team league which will be run in the very near future.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 16.

The following are the results of Rugby Union and Rugby League matches played today:

Union—Teignmouth 9, St Thomas Hospital 0, Plymouth Abdon 14, Metropolitan Police 6.

League—Liverpool City 0, Rochdale Hornets 17—Jitter.



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SAILINGS TO		
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 17th Apr.
"SIANSI"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 24th Apr.
"FOOCHOW"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	5 p.m. 26th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 26th Apr.
"SIANSI"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 27th Apr.
"FOOCHOW"	Djakarta, Cheribon, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	10 a.m. 29th Apr.
"SINKIANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 1st May

Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM		
"SIANSI"	Kobe	21/22nd Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 22nd Apr.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	24th Apr.
"FOOCHOW"	Osaka	27th Apr.
"SINKIANG"	Bangkok	28th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	30th Apr.

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SAILINGS TO		
"CHANGTE"	Japan	24th Apr.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	1st May
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne	13th May

ARRIVALS FROM		
"CHANGTE"	Australia, Tarakan & Manila	20th Apr.
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	27th Apr.
"CHANGTE"	Japan	10th May

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

"ASCANIUS"	Genoa, London & Rotterdam	23rd Apr.
"AENEAS"	Liverpool & Dublin	29th Apr.
"PERSEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Hamburg	6th May

"AUTOMEDON"	Rotterdam & Hamburg	22nd May
"CALCHAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	26th May

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives
S. "AGAPENOR"	24th Apr.
G. "CALCHAS"	1st May
G. "AUTOMEDON"	11th May
G. "PYRRHUS"	17th May
G. "ATREUS"	23rd May
G. "HELLEOPHON"	31st May
G. "CYCLOPS"	10th June
G. "TELEUS"	17th June

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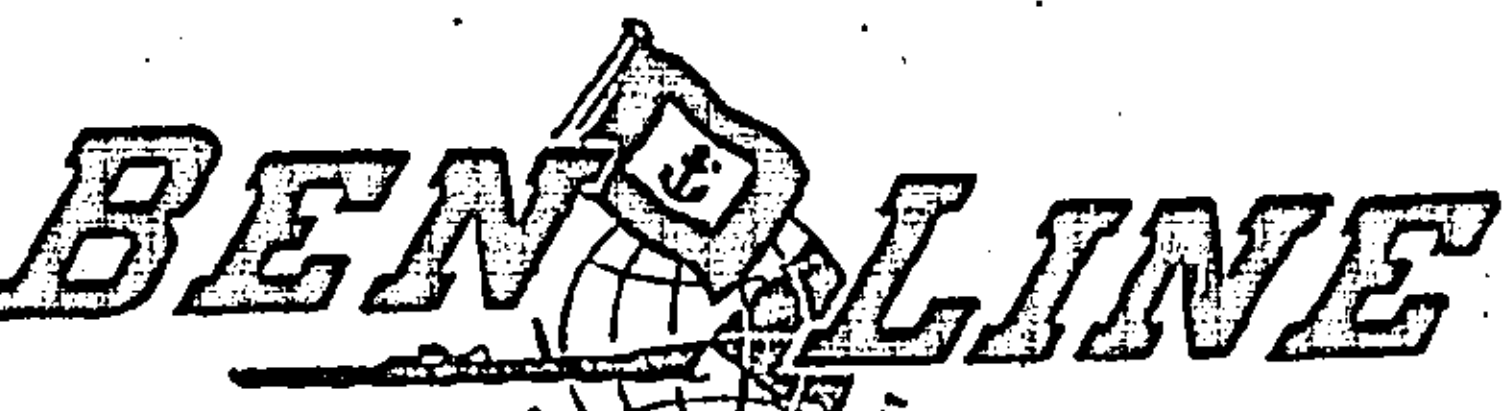


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HK/Bangkok/Singapore	(DC-4) 7:30 a.m. Mon, Thurs, 7:00 a.m. Tues, Fri.	10 a.m. (on return)
HK/Manila/Halibong	(DC-3) 11:00 a.m. Tues, 3:30 p.m. Wed.	10 a.m. (on return)
HK/Singapore	(DC-4) 10:45 a.m. Tues, 3:45 p.m. Wed.	10 a.m. (on return)
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ARRIVALS

SHIPS	FROM	DUE
"BENCRAUCHAN"	Japan	17th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore	19th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	19th Apr.
"BENDORAN"	U.K. via Singapore	on or abt. 17th May
"BENVORLICH"	U.K. via Singapore	4th June
"BENWYVIS"	U.K. via Singapore	6th June

SAILINGS

SHIPS	TO	DATE
"BENCRAUCHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Hamburg.	18th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp.	20th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	22nd Apr.
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin & Hamburg.	10th May
"BENDORAN"	London, Rotterdam & Hull.	21st May
"BENMACDHUI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Antwerp.	26th May
"BENVORLICH"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	8th June
"BENWYVIS"	Liverpool, Dublin, Glasgow & Antwerp.	10th June

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Yeung Wing Hong and family

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their letters and expressions of

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NOTICE

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE
HONG KONG

On Sunday, 20th April, 1952 there will be a special service at St. John's Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. J. Haig-Brown, the Chaplain of the Society.

It is also proposed to hold a short service at the Societies' "Garden of Remembrance" Stanley at 4 p.m. on the same day.

The Vice-President and members of the Committee hope that as many members as possible will attend both services; those requiring transport to Stanley should contact the Secretaries, Tel. No. 27795.

On Wednesday, 23rd April 1952, St. George's Day, in the absence of the President, the Vice-President supported by the Committee, will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph at 9 a.m. All members are invited to join in this brief ceremony of remembrance.

PEAT, MARWICK,
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Secretaries.

Telephone House,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG
Probate Jurisdiction

In the Goods of FRANK CECIL ROBERTS late of No. 15 Robinson Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 53(1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance (Cap. 10), made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 30th day of April, 1952.

All creditors and others are accordingly required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 7th day of April, 1952.
LO AND LO,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
Queen's Building, 2nd floor,
Ice House Street, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES,
LIMITED.
(Incorporated in Hongkong)

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Atlas Realty, Ltd., Room 604 Edinburgh House, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 19th day of April, 1952, at 12.00 Noon to transact the following business:—

- (1) To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951.
- (2) To elect Directors.
- (3) To appoint Auditors.
- (4) To transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is also hereby given that the Register of Members and the Transfer Books will be closed from the 6th day of April, 1952 to the 19th day of April, 1952, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of

Directors,
ATLAS REALTY, LIMITED
J. S. LEE,
General Managers
25th March, 1952.
Hong Kong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s/s "ASCANIUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Hoi's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on April 21 and 22, 1952, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents
Hongkong, April 16, 1952.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given as from 15th April, 1952, Mr. Y. S. Cheng has resigned from his post as Sales Manager of Dah Chung Industrial Co., Ltd. and has assumed the management of Chung Hwa Trading Co. and Solar Lamp Bulb Works at 38 Des Voeux Road, Central, second floor, Telephone No. 34278.

CHUNG HWA TRADING CO.
Y. S. CHENG,
Manager.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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m/v "LENA MAERSK"

having arrived from New York and Port of call, Consignees of Goods are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd April, 1952, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 22nd April, 1952, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bond Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 15th April, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1952.

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CHUSAN"	8th May	2nd June
"CARTHAGE"	9th May	6th June
"CORFU"	6th June	8th July

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & London.

FREIGHT SERVICE

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
"SURAT"	27th April	London & Continent
		Accepting cargo for
Outwards	Arrives Hongkong	From
"SINGAPORE"	2nd May	U.K. & Continent

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	sails 10th April	for Japan
"SANGOLA"	due 10th May	from Japan
	sails 12th May	for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta

(These vessels have refrigerated cargo space)

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"PEMBA"	due 1st May	from Japan
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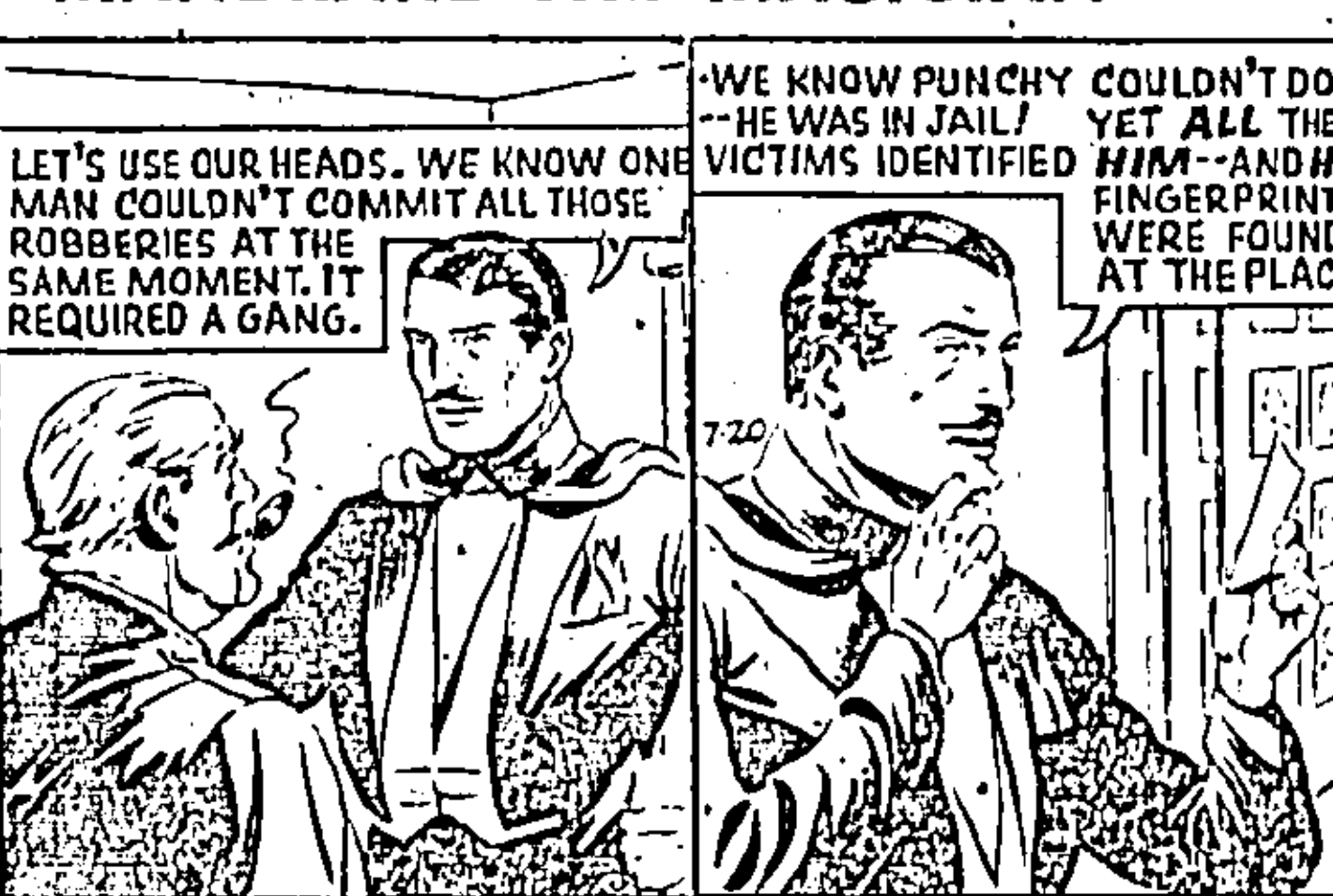
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"EASTERN"	due 21st April	from Sydney & Brisbane
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	sails 8th May	Sydney, Brisbane

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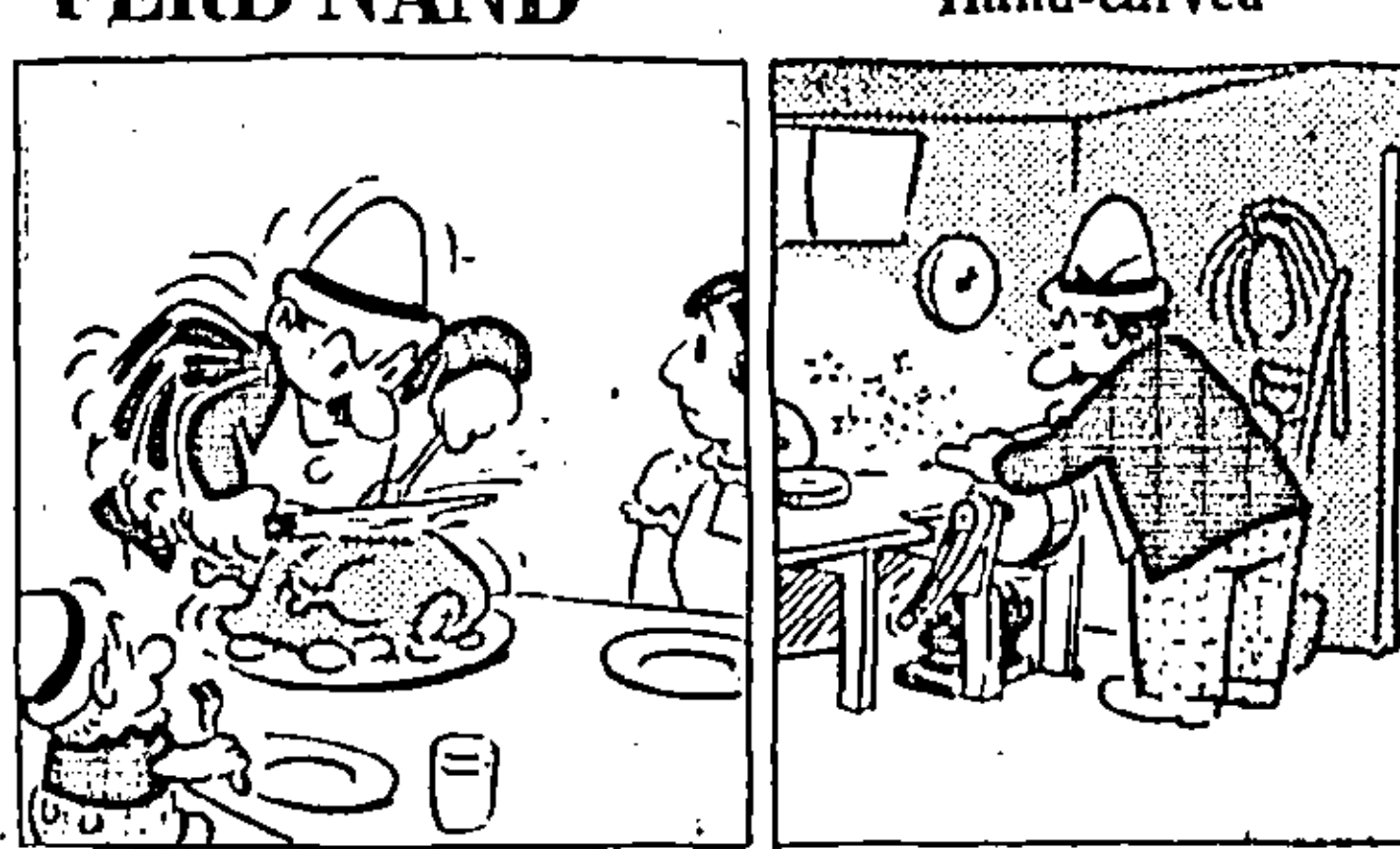


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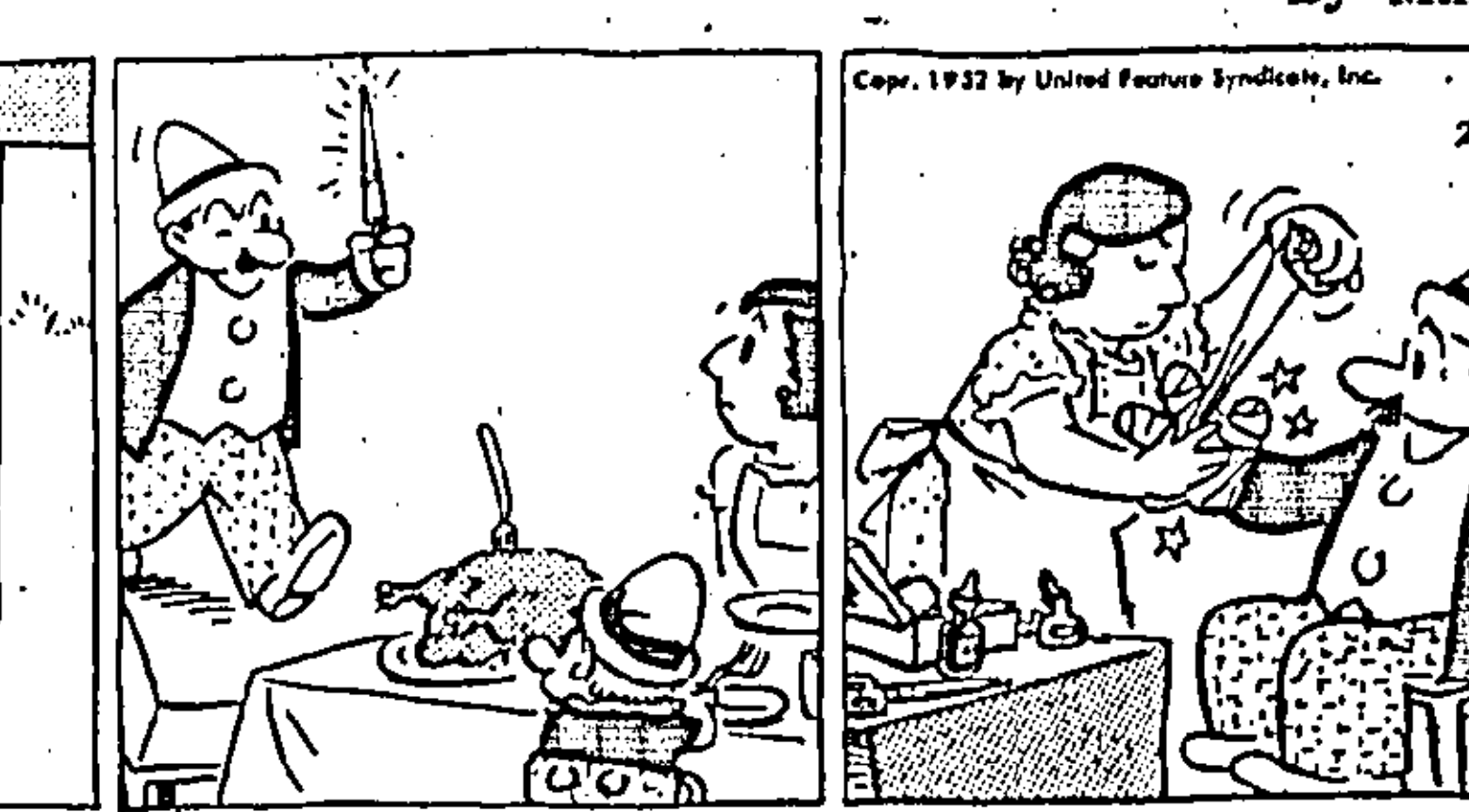


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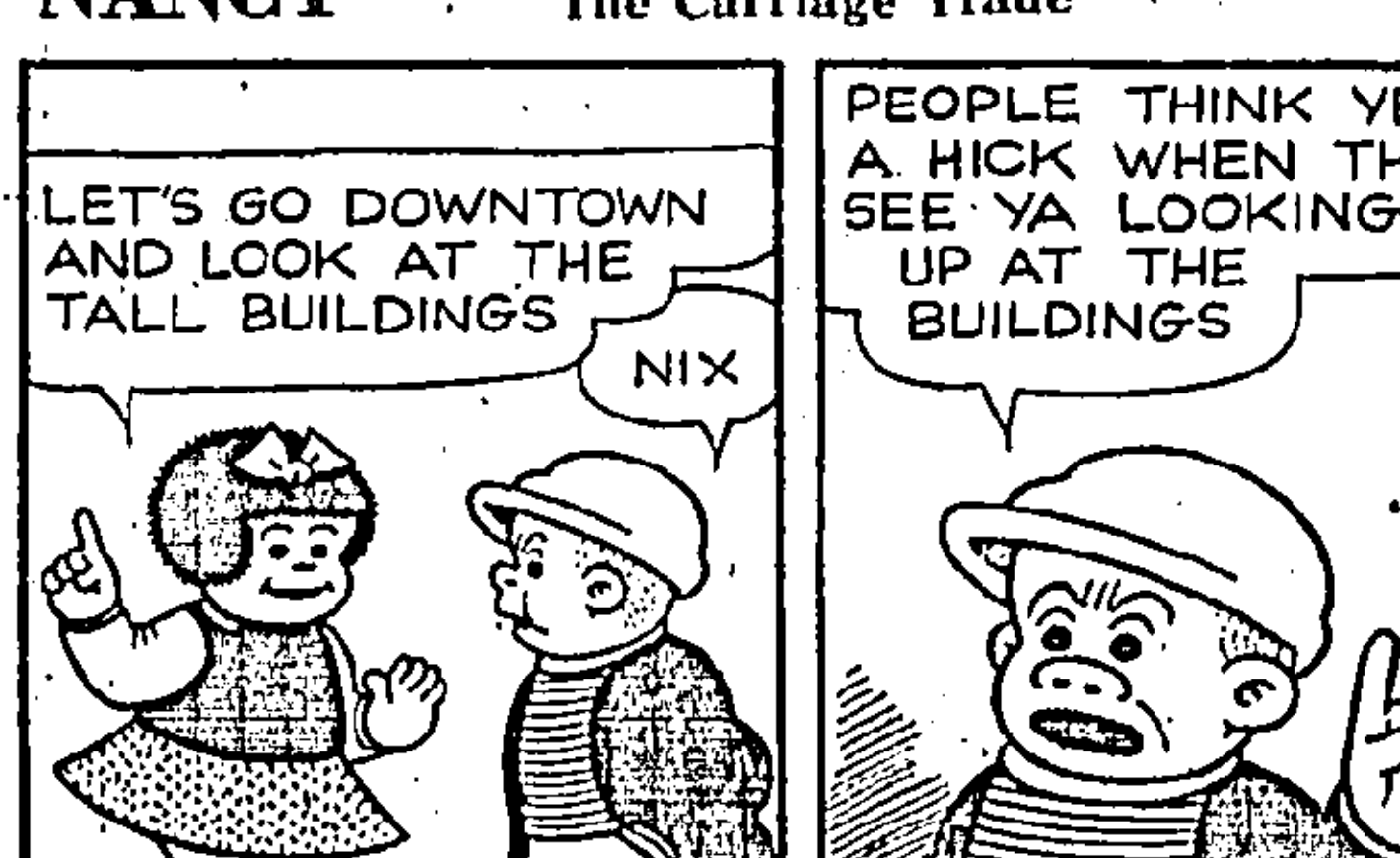


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Bolivia's

New Chief

Inaugurated

La Paz, Apr. 16.

Senor Paz Estenssoro was inaugurated today as President and head of the new National Revolutionary Movement government.

He took over the leadership from the provisional president, Hernan Siles. He said after his inauguration that nationalisation of the tin industry would be undertaken only after extensive study.

Senor Paz Estenssoro is the eighth Bolivian President in less than six years.

In Santiago, the Chilean Foreign Ministry announced that General Hugo Ballvin, president of the military junta overthrown by the MNR, had been granted diplomatic asylum in the Chilean Embassy in La Paz since Saturday.

In his inaugural address, the new President said: "We are not an anti-capitalist government. We are not demagogues. Bolivia is very rich in natural resources, but we need capital to carry out our serious task of improving the standard of the masses."

"We shall ask new conditions from capitalists investing in and exploiting Bolivian riches for the legitimate interest and happiness of all Bolivians. But investments we do urgently need will be permitted fair returns."—United Press.

Winnie's Home Open

To Sightseers

London, Apr. 16.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, is admitting sightseers to the grounds of his private country home at Westham, Kent, on May 21.

He will charge a two shilling admission fee and the proceeds will be donated to the Young Men's Christian Association.

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BIF To Place
Emphasis On
Empire Exhibits

London, Apr. 16.
Great emphasis is to be placed this year on the Commonwealth Section of the British Industries Fair. Arrangements are now well in hand to set aside a special day during the Fair, to be known as Commonwealth Trade Day.

On this day the public will be admitted, and it is hoped that the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Lord Salisbury, and the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, will attend.

Later, it is hoped, these Ministers will be present at a "Commonwealth Luncheon", to which representatives from the various dominions and colonies will be invited. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Leslie Boyce, will preside.

Plans are being made for a special broadcast, drawing attention to the importance of Commonwealth trade by the President of the Board of Trade. If this is arranged, the broadcast will be given on the Home Service of the B.B.C. and also in the General Overseas Programme.

As Commonwealth Trade Day will fall on one of the two days on which the public is admitted to the Fair, it is planned to give

visitors a special badge to commemorate the event.

Several Commonwealth exhibitors are planning to make a special effort on this day to interest the younger generation of Britain, and to place before them information regarding the opportunities offered to migrants.

The history of the Commonwealth Section goes back to the first British Industries Fair in 1926, when 12 stands were taken by firms selling Empire products, mainly foodstuffs.

POLICY CHANGED
The Empire Commercial Section, as it was known, continued until the outbreak of war in 1939, supplemented from 1927 to 1933 by a composite exhibit staged by the Empire Marketing Board. In 1933, the Board continued and was succeeded by an official Empire Section, comprising 18 displays officially staged by the countries of the British Empire. This was additional to the Empire Commercial Section, which in that year had risen to 77 exhibitors.

On re-opening the Fair after the war, commercial lines were discontinued. Since then, the exhibits in the Section have been sponsored by the governments concerned, though some firms have been able to display their produce on their own country's official stand.

In 1949, the Commonwealth Section was re-named "The Commonwealth Section", and in recent years has comprised about 20 countries with a total exhibiting area of some 6-7,000 square feet, located immediately inside the main entrance of Earl's Court.

Despite this steady progress, however, the present Government felt that the Commonwealth Section has been rather overlooked in recent years. Hence, its decision to hold a special Commonwealth Trade Day.

London, Apr. 16.
Prices of rubber futures closed today unchanged to 20 higher with sales totalling 50 contracts. The commission house buying absorbed today's selling. Prices closed today as follows:-

September	35.30-35.40
October	34.50-34.60
November	34.50-34.60
December	34.50-34.60
January (1953)	34.50-34.60
February	34.50-34.60
March	34.50-34.60
April	34.50-34.60
May	34.50-34.60
June	34.50-34.60
July	34.50-34.60

LONDON PRICES

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ECONOMISTS' PROBLEM:
INFLATION-OR
DEFLATION?Jap Spinning
Factories
Suspend Work

(From Our Correspondent)

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For the past 10 years or so governments have been able to hold up the bogey of inflation to their peoples in an endeavour to curb wages or to enforce some scheme without disturbing the cost structures of their economies, says the "Journal of Commerce."

The popular definition of inflation is "too much money chasing too few goods."

In a comment on the problem in the "Westminster Bank Review," it is stated:-

"Present-day problems of inflation differ considerably in detail, but the essence of the matter - the adjustment of spending power to the quantity of goods available, and the confidence of the public in the currency - remains the same."

Today, deflation is with us, for, wherever we look around the world, there is a situation of "too much goods and too little money with which to purchase them."

Indeed, the world economic situation, could not be worse, and it might not be a bad thing for a little spate of inflation to be interjected into our body economic and of that of the rest of the world.

The March summary of Australian conditions issued by the National Bank of Australia, Ltd., has this to say on the subject: "While deflation is measured in economic terms by declines in the volume of money, its common symptom in trade is a dampening of demand." After the orgy of spending, resulting from the 1950-51 wool clip Australians, and this applies with almost equal vigour to the New Zealanders, now wish to raise the prices of their agricultural and dairy produce to Britain. They complain that they have been selling at too low a price, which we were able to enjoy with equanimity with the help of subsidies, utility clothing grants and a fairly high standard of wages.

Mr R. C. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, has decided to ignore all representations for increased prices. He apparently prefers that his people should have a little longer a dose of deflation. The country had been on the verge of bankruptcy through unbridled inflation in the Socialist administration, Mr Menzies' cure is "increase supply, reduce demand," being of the opinion that, if prices are increased now, the farmers would be exposed to bankruptcy if, and when, prices should fall. This gesture by Mr Menzies should not be overlooked by those of us who have been loud in our criticism of Australia's recent import cuts.

It should certainly not be overlooked by our textile men, who have been talking about the sanctity of contracts at a time when, at the highest government levels, all international contracts or obligations, signed or taken as understood in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, have been thrown to the winds. Holland and Belgium are feeling acutely the cuts in their textile exports; Sweden has had to cut her imports to balance the enforced cut in her exports and the lower price she has to accept for a lower volume of her paper pulp.

While deflation thus may be allowed to have its day, a process of restoring inflation gradually at the most advantageous points, should be set in motion. The best means to do this is by the restoration of inter-Commonwealth trade and of Commonwealth trade with the rest of the world, not overlooking the former units of the Commonwealth.

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S.A. Opposition Parties Unite To Uphold Constitution

Capetown, Apr. 16. The South African opposition leader, Mr. Jacobus Strauss, tonight announced an alliance of his United Party with the Labour Party and the ex-Servicemen's Torch Commando "to uphold the constitution."

He told a joint rally of the three groups here that there was no room for dissipation of the democratic forces during such a grave crisis in the country.

Atom Test Ships' Crew Keep Mum

Refuse To Answer Any Questions

Fremantle, Apr. 16. Silent sailors came ashore from Britain's secret atom test ships here tonight under orders to "keep mum" about their voyage from Britain and their eventual destination.

Asked by reporters if they had had a rough trip they replied, "We don't know." Asked again if they had had a good trip the reply again was "We don't know."

Even the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, did not know.

He told a Press conference that Australia "agreed with Britain on the need for secrecy about the test."

He added, "I do not know whether the test is being held and I am not asking. This is a matter of vast national importance."

The two ships which arrived here today—Narvik and Zebra—are believed to be carrying 400 tons of equipment and 1,000 British Royal Engineers.

SEALED OFF

Security officers and detectives mingled with the crowd as the ships moved into a sealed off berth here.

After fueling on food, water and taking the ships will sail for their secret destination.

In February the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, announced that Britain would test an atomic weapon in Australia this year. It was thought that the test would take place at the Woomera rocket range in Central Australia.

But lately there has been speculation that the site chosen was Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean.

The Sydney Morning Herald said today that the fact that Britain had sent out landing ships and Royal Marines suggested that an island site was likely.

The newspaper added that September had been mentioned as a possible month for the test. (In Hollywood today seven television stations announced that they would combine to televise the next American atomic bomb test to be made on the proving grounds in the Nevada Desert next week. American viewers would see the blast and interviews with the troops taking part in the exercise.)—Reuters.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION:

Not enough data? Have another look.
(1) 40 points in all are scored, and 20 points per subject is at least six. So either 10 or 20 points is awarded in each of four subjects, or eight points in each of five subjects. Twenty points for each of two subjects is clearly impossible.
(2) If there are four subjects, the points for each must be 5-5-5-5. But it will be found that in none of the cases can Betty score 20 points and each of the others nine.
(3) So there are five subjects. The point-scale must be 5-5-5-5-5. The latter is found to be impossible; the former is consistent with the data.
English History 5 5 5 5 5
Math 5 5 5 5 5
Science 5 5 5 5 5
So Betty took second place in history.
London Express Service.

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Bear Cubs Make Their Public Debut



The twin cubs born two months ago to brown bears, Minnie and Pickles at the London Zoo, last week made their public debut. Here is the first picture of the bear cubs living as their mother, Minnie, guides them with her nose on their first walk round their den.

Australia Plans Permanent Air Base In Antarctica

Sydney, Apr. 16.

Australia plans to set up what it hopes will be the first permanent air base in Antarctica. The base would reinforce Australia's claim on the biggest chunk of the great ice-bound continent. Australia's vast polar territory now covers an area almost twice as large as the whole of Australia itself.

The air-minded Australian Foreign Minister, Mr. Richard Casey—who likes to fly his own two-seater plane—is very interested in Australia's Antarctic territory.

Mr. Casey announced last October that the government proposed to ask Captain P. G. Taylor to make the first flight from Australia to the Antarctic mainland. The flight was contemplated for last January, but had to be postponed.

(Captain Taylor flew across the southern Pacific from Australia to Chile in 1951. He suggested an air base on Easter Island—about 2,000 miles west of Chile—where he landed in his flying-boat.

US authorities are now reported to have started work on the proposed base. Its completion will be another step towards inauguration of a regular trans-Pacific service between South America and Australia.

SPECIALISTS TEAM

Captain Taylor is expected to join a team of specialists Australia plans to send to Canada and the United States to learn about North Polar regions from American and Canadian experts.

The Australian government is particularly anxious to adapt to its proposed base on Antarctica the lessons learned from the US air base "Blue Jay" at the North Pole. Lt. Gen. Lewis Pick, chief of US Army Engineers, recently revealed the existence of "Blue Jay" on the roof of the world.

Australia now maintains two weather stations in the Antarctic region. They were established in 1947 on Heard and Macquarie Islands and with the French weather station on Adelle Land provide daily radioed weather reports.

The lonely Australian teams on the two islands also conduct research on cosmic rays, magnetism, radio waves and glaciers.

Australia originally planned an expedition to Antarctica in December 1952. But it shelved plans to build a special ship, to replace the converted LST used on a shuttle service for Heard and Macquarie Islands.

Aviation experts here have long pointed to the need of air facilities to link Heard and Macquarie Islands to the mainland. The government has also found sea transport a costly business.

In July, 1950, for instance, the Royal Australian Navy's flagship, the 18,000-ton cruiser Australia, had to be dispatched to Heard Island on a mercy mission to rescue Ukrainian-born Dr. Serge Udovikov, who was stricken with acute appendicitis.

An aircraft courier service patterned on the Arctic services of the Canadian and U.S. Air Forces would reduce such costs. It would also be necessary before any permanent base on Antarctica can be established.

PRIMARY NEED

Australia's interest in the Antarctic is somewhat different to the interest of the United States, Russia and Canada in the Arctic—which long-range aircraft and guided missiles have made an arena of power politics.

Australia's primary Antarctic need is non-military information. It is interested in the territory's possible economic value, through modern methods of development of untapped natural resources.

Mr. P. G. Law, polar expert in charge of the Antarctica Division of the External Affairs Department, recently said development of atomic energy could help make Antarctica important.

Mr. Law speculated that the Australian territory might contain deposits of oil and uranium which could be mined if the ice and snow covering them were removed. He foresaw the possibility of using heat from atomic energy plants to melt ice off vast sections of frozen wastes to allow scientific exploitation.

Mr. Law believes reliable air transport and nuclear energy could bring development of the Antarctic possible within 50 to 100 years.

Preparations for Australia's planned Antarctic air base are also expected to include a series of weather "guinea pig" flights deep into the heart of Antarctica, over areas where the throb of aircraft engines has never been heard.

OBSTACLES

Jack Percival, veteran Australian aviation writer who accompanied Taylor on his flight to Chile, recently said that before an Australian base could be established in Antarctica, "our authorities will have to find out a great deal more about Southern weather and where aircraft can set down and take off in reasonable safety."

Many navigational obstacles would have to be studied and surmounted.

"These obstacles," said Percival, "go far beyond problems of cartography. Maps alone do not equate aircraft to track intelligently."

Captain Taylor threw further light on the problems involved.

He said: "A flight to the Antarctic continent involves polar navigation. The fact that the South Magnetic Pole is 1,200 miles north of the South Geographical Pole makes a magnetic compass 'valueless.'"

United Press.

Woman Succeeds In Quest

Cleveland, Apr. 16.

A 39-year-old English woman, started her long road back to Singapore today after she travelled halfway around the world to become an American citizen.

Mrs. Margaret Deak, native of London, went to Singapore in 1947 as announcer for the BBC. She met and married Merdith Deak, 41, director of Singapore holdings of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company since 1927.

She wanted American citizenship, but the law said that five-year residence in the United States is necessary.

One provision gave her a loophole. Foreigners who marry American citizens living permanently abroad need only one year's residence. She entered this country with an English passport a month ago, resided temporarily at the home of a Firestone official in Akron, Ohio, and was naturalized today.

Now she is trying to get an American passport to return to Singapore.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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6. Programme Summary: 6.02, It's Swing Time; 6.30, Hit Parade; 7. Short Story: Recital by Glynis Grey; 7.15, Letter from America by Alister Cooke (Recorded Relay); 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio); 7.45, Weather Report; 8. Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 8.15, Piano Duo Recital by Ethel Selig and Cyril Smith; 8.30, Ray's A Laugh; 9.00, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 9.15, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 9.30, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 9.45, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 10.00, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 10.15, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 10.30, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 10.45, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 11.00, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 11.15, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 11.30, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 11.45, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 12.00, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 12.15, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 12.30, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 12.45, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 1.00, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 1.15, Music of Ernest Lehman, played by Stanley Black; 1.30, The Big Band with Jimmy Young; 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